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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Music Education), Michigan State University, 2013

- Cognate in Ethnomusicology
- Dissertation: *One Elementary Music Teacher's Beliefs About Musical Ability: Connections to Teaching Practice and Classroom Culture* (Dr. Cynthia Taggart, Dissertation Advisor)

Master of Music (Music Education), University of Michigan, 2009

- Thesis: *A Mixed Methods Investigation of K-12 Music Teacher Beliefs and Their Relationship to Teaching Practice* (Dr. Colleen Conway, Thesis Advisor)

Bachelor of Music (Music Education), Michigan State University, 2002

- Honors College, Graduation with High Honors

TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Professor and Coordinator of Music Education, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, 2013-present (Associate Professor, 2018-2023; Assistant Professor, 2013-2018).

- Music education student advisor (Fall 2024-present)
- Student teaching supervisor (Fall 2013-present)
- Early childhood music program director, EMU Community Music Academy (Winter 2014-present)
- Faculty advisor, Collegiate chapter of the National Association for Music Education (Fall 2013-present)
- Courses taught:
 - Introduction to Music Education (MUED 180): Fall, 2016; Winter 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.
 - Elementary General Music Methods (MUED 330): Fall, 2024; Winter 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.
 - Technology and Modern Methods (MUED 335): Fall 2024, 2025.
 - Learning and Development in Music (MUED 220): Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024; Winter 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2024.
 - Psychology of Music Teaching and Learning (MUSC 576): Fall 2013, 2017; Winter 2019, 2021, 2023.
 - Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Music Education (MUSC 642): Winter 2014, 2020, 2022.
 - Curriculum and Assessment in Music Education (MUSC 646): Fall 2015, 2018, 2020, 2022.
 - Sabbatical: Fall 2019.
 - Faculty Research Fellowship: Fall 2021, 2023, 2025.

Invited Guest Lectures

- Invited virtual guest lecture on interviewing in qualitative research (March 25, 2024). University of Houston, Houston, TX. Invited by Dr. Julie Derges, Associate Professor of Music Education.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on music literacy development (February 23, 2023). University of Houston, Houston, TX. Invited by Dr. Julie Derges, Associate Professor of Music Education.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on Gordon's Music Learning Theory (November 2, 2021). Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Invited by Dr. Alison Reynolds, Professor of Music Education.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on Gordon's Music Learning Theory (June 2, 2021). University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Invited by the Dr. William Bauer, Professor and Head of Music Education.
- Invited virtual guest speaker on gender bias in music education (March 26, 2021). VanderCook College of Music, Chicago, IL. Invited by the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on Gordon's Music Learning Theory (November 3, 2020). Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Invited by Dr. Alison Reynolds, Professor of Music Education.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on Gordon's Music Learning Theory (April 21, 2020). Truman State University, Kirksville, MO. Invited by Dr. Jocelyn Prendergast, Assistant Professor of Music.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on music education research (April 13, 2020). Maranatha Baptist University, Watertown, WI. Invited by Dr. Rick Townsend, Professor of Music.
- Invited virtual guest lecture on Gordon's Music Learning Theory (October 29, 2018). Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI. Invited by Dr. Ashley Allen, Assistant Professor of Music Education.
- Invited virtual guest lectures on music learning and aptitude in music psychology course for graduate music education majors (July 5, 2016; July 5, 2017). Capital University, Columbus, OH. Invited by Dr. Ryan Shaw, Assistant Professor of Music Education.
- Invited guest lecture on music teacher beliefs in music education philosophy course for graduate music education majors (July 8, 2016). Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Invited by Dr. Juliet Hess, Assistant Professor of Music Education.
- Invited guest lecture on music literacy development in "Beginning Instrumental Music" methods course for undergraduate music education majors (October 9, 2014). University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Invited by Dr. Colleen Conway, Professor of Music Education.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2010-2013

- Instructor, "Introduction to Music Education" for undergraduate music education majors (Fall 2012).
- Instructor, "Methods and Materials of Elementary Music" for undergraduate general education majors (Fall 2010, 2011; Spring 2011, 2013).

- Co-instructor, “Introduction to Music Education” for undergraduate music education majors (Spring 2012).
- Student teacher supervisor (Fall 2010-Spring 2013).
- Teaching Assistant, “Teaching General Music in the Elementary School” for music education majors (Spring 2013).
- Teaching Assistant, “Music in Early Childhood” for music education majors (Fall 2012).
- Guest lecture, “Principles of Music Education” and “Introduction to Music Education” for music education majors (Fall 2011, Spring 2013).

Faculty Member, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, 2007-present

- Instructor of two-week professional development levels courses for music educators. Specific courses taught include the following:
 - Elementary General Level 2 Professional Development Levels Courses
 - Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (June 2011, June 2019, June 2023).
 - State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (July 2012).
 - Elementary General Level 1 Professional Development Levels Course
 - Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (June 2012, June 2018, June 2022, June 2025).
 - State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (July 2014, July 2015).
 - Gordon College, Wenham, MA (July-August 2012).
 - University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (July 2010, July 2011).

TEACHING IN P-12 SETTINGS

Early Childhood Music Teacher, Eastern Michigan University Community Music Academy, Ypsilanti, MI, 2014-2015.

- Taught early childhood music classes for children ages birth through 6 years.

Early Childhood Music Teacher, Michigan State University Community Music School, East Lansing, MI, 2010-2013, 1999-2001.

- Taught early childhood music classes for children ages birth through 7 years.

Elementary General Music Teacher, Okemos Public Schools, Okemos, MI, 2010-2012.

- Taught general music classes for early elementary students.

Elementary General Music and Choir Teacher, Farmington Public Schools, Farmington, MI, 2004-2010.

- Taught general music classes for kindergarten through fifth grade students, choir for fourth and fifth grade students, and adaptive music for students with ASD.

Elementary General Music Teacher, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Woodhaven, MI, 2002-2004.

- Taught general music classes for kindergarten through fifth grade students.

Early Childhood Music Teacher, Music Center of South Central Michigan, Battle Creek, MI, 2000-2002.

- Taught early childhood music classes for children ages birth through five years.

General Music Teacher, Happy Time Kindergarten Readiness Program, Lansing, MI, 2001.

- Taught general music classes for “kindergarten readiness” students.

General Music Teacher, Beekman Center, Lansing, MI, 2001.

- Taught general music classes for students with disabilities.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

Shouldice, H. N., & Pancy, O. (in press). An exploration of musical self-efficacy and chair placement among middle school band students. *Research and Issues in Music Education*.

Shouldice, H. N., & Timmer, S. (2025). The current status of LGBTQ+ inclusivity in U.S. choral classrooms. *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*, 43(3), 28-37. <https://doi.org/10.1177/87551233241253829>

Shouldice, H. N. (2024). Female and feminine-presenting band directors' experiences with gender microaggressions. *Research Studies in Music Education*, 46(2), 285-301. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1321103X231205809>

Combert, D. J., & Shouldice, H. N. (2024). Nurturing the inner potential of children with ASD through informal music guidance. *The GIML Audea: A Journal of Research and Applications of Music Learning Theory*, 23(1), 7-21.

Shouldice, H. N. (2023-2024). Before and after: Experiences of a trans male band director. *Missouri Journal of Research in Music Education*, No. 60-61, 60-82.

Shouldice, H. N. (2023). Gender microaggressions: An examination of existing research on the experiences of female band directors. *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*, 41(3), 37-47.

Shouldice, H. N. (2022). An exploratory study of the relationships between teachers' beliefs about musical ability, assessment, and the purpose of elementary general music. *Visions of Research in Music Education*, 39, article 6. <https://opencommons.uconn.edu/vrme/vol39/iss1/6>

Shouldice, H. N., & Woolnough, V. (2022). Relationships between band festival ratings, director gender, and other selected factors. *Journal of Research in Music Education*, 70(2), 156-167. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00224294211060449>

- Shouldice, H. N. (2021). Evading the MLT police? Making compromises without compromising core values. *The GIML Audea: A Journal of Research and Applications of Music Learning Theory*, 27(1), 6-12.
- Vaughan-Marra, J., & Shouldice, H. N. (2021). Teachers' experiences as participants in a Music-Learning-Theory-focused virtual mentoring program. *The GIML Audea: A Journal of Research and Applications of Music Learning Theory*, 27(1), 13-26.
- Shouldice, H. N. (2020). An investigation of musical ability beliefs and self-concept among fourth-grade students in the U.S.A. *International Journal of Music Education*, 38(4), 525-536. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0255761420914667>
- Shouldice, H. N., & Eastridge, J. (2020). A comparison of Virginia band performance assessments in relation to director gender. *Journal of Research in Music Education*, 68(2), 125-137. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0022429420922137>
- Shouldice, H. N. (2019). "Everybody has something": One teacher's beliefs about musical ability and their connection to teaching practice and classroom culture. *Research Studies in Music Education*, 47(2), 189-205. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1321103X18773109>
- Shouldice, H. N. (2017). "I love knowing that what I'm doing has purpose": Male instrumentalists who choose to teach elementary general music. *Journal of Music Teacher Education*, 27(1), 48-64. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1057083717699622>
- Kruse, A. J., Giebelhausen, R., Shouldice, H. N., & Ramsey, A. L. (2015). Male and female photographic representation in 50 years of Music Educators Journal. *Journal of Research in Music Education*, 62(4), 485-500. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0022429414555910>
- Shouldice, H. N. (2014). Teachers' beliefs regarding composition in elementary general music: Definitions, values, and impediments. *Research Studies in Music Education*, 36(2), 215-230. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1321103X14556574>
- Shouldice, H. N. (2014). Elementary students' definitions and self-perceptions of being a "good musician." *Music Education Research*, 16(3), 330-345. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14613808.2014.909396>
- Shouldice, H. N. (2013). Trading Hindemith for "Hugs, High-Fives, and Handshakes": One preservice music teacher's decision to teach elementary general music. *Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education*, 195, 41-57. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/10.5406/bulcouresmusedu.195.0041.pdf>
- Shouldice, H. N. (2013). Encouraging vernacular musicianship in the music learning theory classroom. *The GIML Audea: A Journal of Research and Applications of Music Learning Theory*, 18(1), 9-14.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS - INVITED

- Shouldice, H. N. (2016). Research to "real life": Implications of recent research for elementary general music. *Michigan Music Educator*, 53(2), 23-26.

- Shouldice, H. N. (2014). "Talent" beliefs in music education: A self-fulfilling prophecy? *Michigan Music Educator*, 51(2), 14-16. (**This was later reprinted in the Spring 2014 issue of *Antiphon*, the Arizona ACDA journal.)
- Shouldice, H. N. (2014). "Talent" beliefs in music education: A self-fulfilling prophecy? *Antiphon: The Magazine of the Arizona Chapter American Choral Directors Association*, 18(3), 6-8. (**This article was an invited reprinting of the previous citation.)
- Shouldice, H. (2013). (contributor) Workshop: Elementary improvisation. *Teaching Music*, 21(3), 50.
- Shouldice, H. (2012). "For Your Library" Book Review of *Multicultural Perspectives in Music Education* (3rd ed.). Music Educators Journal, 98(3), 23-24.
- Shouldice, H. (2011). "Hey, I know that song!": Using popular music to bridge elementary students' in-school and out-of-school musical experiences. *Michigan Music Educator*, 48(3), 10-12.
- Shouldice, H. (2011). (contributor) Jazz: A beginner's guide. *Teaching Music*, 18(6), 32-39.

BOOKS

- Shouldice, H. N. (2021). *Weaving it all together: A practical guide to applying Gordon's Music Learning Theory in the elementary general music classroom*. GIA Publications.
- Reese, J., Shouldice, H. N., & Bailey, J. M. (2021). *Q & A for MLT: General music perspectives on Music Learning Theory*. GIA Publications.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Shouldice, H. N., Bovin, A. J., Sears, C. A. Q. (in press). The state of the podium for female band directors. In N. R. McBride & C. A. Sears (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Gender and Queer Studies in Music Education*. Oxford University Press.
- Shouldice, H. N. (2024). Developing music literacy. In C. Conway (Ed.), *Musicianship-focused curriculum and assessment* (2nd ed.) (pp. 243-270). GIA Publications.
- Shouldice, H. N. (2020). Contributor to *Music Play 2*. GIA Publications.
- Reese, J. A., & Shouldice, H. N. (2019). Assessment in the Music Learning Theory-based classroom. In T. S. Brophy (Ed.), *Handbook on assessment policy and practice in music education* (Vol. 2) (pp. 477-502). Oxford University Press.
- Shouldice, H. N. (2018). Audiation-based improvisation and composition in elementary general music. In S. Burton & A. Reynolds (Eds.), *Engaging musical practices: A sourcebook for elementary general music* (pp. 113-134). Rowman & Littlefield.
- Kastner, J. D., & Shouldice, H. N. (2016). Assessment in general music education from early childhood through high school: A review of literature. In *Oxford handbooks online*.

<http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199935321.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199935321-e-99>.

- Shouldice, H. N. (2015). Metaphor as a tool for understanding (and questioning?) pre-service music teachers' beliefs. In S. W. Conkling (Ed.), *Envisioning music teacher education* (pp. 99-115). Rowman and Littlefield Education.
- Shouldice, H. N. (2015). Helping students develop music literacy. In C. Conway (Ed.), *Musicianship-focused curriculum and assessment* (pp. 266-297). GIA Publications.
- Shouldice, H. (2010). Train of thought of a first-time mentor teacher upon accepting a student teacher. In C. M. Conway, M. V. Smith, & T. M. Hodgman, *Handbook for the music mentor* (pp. 164-165). GIA Publications.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- An exploratory study of teachers' ensemble-related beliefs and attitudes about inclusion of students with disabilities. NAFME Biennial Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, Atlanta, GA (September 2024).
- Female and feminine-presenting band directors' experiences with gender microaggressions. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (January 2023).
- LGBTQ+ inclusivity in the choral classroom. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (January 2023).
- Female and feminine-presenting band directors' experiences with gender microaggressions. NAFME National Conference, National Harbor, MD (November 2022).
- Research to practice: Gender bias in music teaching. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (January 2022).
- The effect of tonal context on children's singing accuracy. Co-presenter with Amy Sierzega. Amplify 2020: Bringing the Future into Focus/NAFME Biennial Music Research and Teacher Education Conference, Orlando, FL (accepted for November 2020 but canceled due to COVID-19).
- Teachers' experiences as participants in a music-learning-theory-focused virtual mentoring program. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, International Conference, Chicago, IL (August 2019).
- An investigation of the musical identities, self-perceptions, and motivation of elementary students in relation to their experiences in school music class. NAFME Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, Atlanta, GA (March 2018).
- Swimming upstream: How can we help pre-service teachers break the mold of traditional instrumental music? Instrumental Music Teacher Educators (IMTE) Colloquium, Perrysville, OH (May 2015).
- "I love knowing that what I'm doing has purpose": Male instrumentalists who choose to teach elementary general music. Desert Skies Symposium on Research in Music Education, Tucson, AZ (accepted for February 2015 but unable to present due to death in family).

Gendered music teaching: Issues and action. Panel co-presented with Tami Draves and Kate Fitzpatrick. NAFME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference, St. Louis, MO (April 2014).

Don't stop believing!: Nurturing musical ability in ALL of our students. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (January 2014).

Metaphor as a tool for understanding (and changing?) pre-service music teachers' beliefs. Symposium on Music Teacher Education, Greensboro, NC (September 2013).

Trading Hindemith for "Hugs, High-Fives, and Handshakes": One preservice music teacher's decision to teach elementary general music. Desert Skies Symposium on Research in Music Education, Tucson, AZ (February 2013).

Elementary students' definitions and self-perceptions of being a "good musician." Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium IX: Navigating the Future, Tampa, FL (February 2013).

Male and female photographic representation in 50 years of *Music Educators Journal*. Co-presented with Adam Kruse, Robin Giebelhausen, and Andrea Ramsey. Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium IX: Navigating the Future, Tampa, FL (February 2013).

Teachers' beliefs regarding composition in elementary general music: Definitions, values, and impediments. Michigan Music Conference Research Symposium, Grand Rapids, MI (January 2012).

The real world: Differentiating instruction in the K-4 general music classroom. Co-presented with Karen Salvador. Symposium on Music Teacher Education, Greensboro, NC (September 2011).

RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS

"Secondary Music Teachers' Ensemble-Related Beliefs and Attitudes Regarding Inclusion of Students with Developmental Disabilities." Symposium on Music Teacher Education, Indianapolis, IN (accepted for October 2025).

"University Music Student Sense of Belonging." Symposium on Music Teacher Education, Indianapolis, IN (accepted for October 2025).

"Experiences of Band Teachers Who Identify Outside the Gender Binary." NAFME Biennial Music Research and Teacher Education National Conference, Atlanta, GA (September 2024).

"The Effect of Tonal Context on Children's Singing Accuracy" (Amy Sierzega, co-presenter). 9th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Oak Park, IL (August 2023).

"The Effect of Tonal Context on Children's Singing Accuracy" (Amy Sierzega, co-presenter). NAFME National Conference, National Harbor, MD (November 2022).

"The Current Status of LGBTQ+ Inclusivity in U.S. Choral Classrooms" (Sydney Timmer, co-presenter). Symposium on Music Teacher Education (September 2021).

- "The Effect of Tonal Context on Children's Singing Accuracy" (Amy Sierzega, co-presenter). Amplify 2020: Bringing the Future into Focus/NAfME Biennial Music Research and Teacher Education Conference, Orlando, FL (accepted for November 2020 but canceled due to COVID-19).
- "A Comparison of Virginia Band Performance Assessments in Relation to Director Gender" (Jessica Eastridge, co-presenter). Virginia Music Educators Association Conference (November 2019).
- "An Investigation of the Musical Identities, Self-Perceptions, and Motivation of Elementary Students in Relation to their Experiences in School Music Classes." 7th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Oak Park, IL (August 2019).
- "Assessment Practices in Elementary General Music: How Do We Rate?" (Julie Kastner, co-presenter). Society for Music Teacher Education Symposium, Greensboro, NC (September 2015).
- "Male and Female Photographic Representation in 50 Years of *Music Educators Journal*" (Adam Kruse, Robin Giebelhausen, and Andrea Ramsey, co-presenters). Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Music Education Research Conference, Champaign, IL (October 2012).
- "Teachers' Beliefs Regarding Composition in Elementary General Music: Definitions, Values, and Impediments." Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Music Education Research Conference, East Lansing, MI (October 2011).
- "A Mixed Methods Investigation of K-12 Music Teacher Beliefs and their Relationship to Teaching Practice." Society for Music Teacher Education Symposium, Greensboro, NC (September 2011).
- "A Mixed Methods Investigation of K-12 Music Teacher Beliefs and their Relationship to Teaching Practice." MENC North Central Division Conference/Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference, Cincinnati, OH (January 2011).

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW/WORKS IN PROGRESS

- The Effect of Tonal Context on Children's Singing Accuracy (research manuscript in progress).
- Exploring Relationships Between Ensemble Music Teachers' Beliefs and Attitudes Toward Inclusion of Students with Developmental Disabilities (research study in progress).
- Experiences of Band Directors Who Identify Outside the Gender Binary (research study in progress).
- Major revision of materials for teaching Learning Sequence Activities. Co-authoring with Cynthia Taggart and Jennifer Bailey (book revision in progress).
- A Large-Scale Investigation of the Relationships Between Secondary Music Teachers' Ensemble-Related Beliefs and Inclusion of Students With Developmental Disabilities (research study in progress).
- University Music Students' Sense of Belonging (research study in progress).

PRACTITIONER PRESENTATIONS

2026

General Music Headliner, New Mexico Music Educators Association In-Service Conference (invited for January 2026).

2025

Partial Synthesis, Generalization, and Beyond!: Activities for Elementary General Music. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, New England chapter (May 7, 2025).

Man Up! Being an Ally for Female Band Director Colleagues. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (January 25, 2025).

2024

Female and Feminine-presenting Band Directors' Experiences with Gender Microaggressions. Online presentation for Grand Valley State University collegiate chapters of the National Association for Music Education and Sigma Alpha Iota (March 27, 2024).

Growing Musicianship with MLT. Michigan Music Education Association online workshop (February 14, 2024).

Addressing the Problem of Problematic Repertoire. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (January 26, 2024).

Female and Feminine-presenting Band Directors' Experiences with Gender Microaggressions. Online presentation for Tau Beta Sigma chapter at Eastern Michigan University (January 24, 2024).

2023

Invited Lecturer, Edwin E. Gordon Gesellschaft Deutschland e.V., Mannheim, Germany (October 14-15, 2023). Gave four presentations:

- A Playful Approach to Teaching Preschool and Kindergarten Music
- Beyond Major and Minor: Expanding Musical Experiences through Varied Tonalities
- Individual Musicking: Developing Elementary Students' Musical Independence
- Hearing the Notes on the Page: How to Help Kids Make Sense of Music Notation

Making LSAs Work. Co-presented with Cynthia Taggart and Jennifer Bailey. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, 9th International Conference on Music Learning Theory. Oak Park, IL.

Women Conductor/Composer Discussion Panel. Co-presented with Kaitlin Bove, Staci Hatmaker, Cathy Likhuta, and Staci Rosbury. Association of Concert Bands Convention, Orlando, FL

Growing Musicianship with MLT. NAFME General Music Virtual Conference.

2022

Research to "real life": Applications of recent research for elementary general music. Wisconsin State Music Conference, Madison, WI.

The invisible power of teacher beliefs. Wisconsin State Music Conference, Madison, WI.

Growing musically all year long. Panel co-presented with Zach VanderGraaff, Jennifer Filipiak, Jessica Gonder, and Stephanie Schall-Brazee. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2021

Elementary Classroom Music Headliner, New York State School Music Association Annual Winter Conference, Rochester, NY. Presented four sessions:

- Fostering vocal creativity and improvisation in elementary music.
- Teaching harmony step-by-step: A sequential approach to developing harmonic audiation.
- Individual musicking: Developing elementary students' musical independence.
- Research to "real life": Applications of recent research for elementary general music.

What does it mean to be musically literate? Michigan Music Teachers Association State Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.

A guide for getting published: Lots of "Audeas" for music teachers (co-presented with Christina Hornbach and Jill Reese). 8th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

LSA clinic—Elementary level. 8th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Promoting a gender inclusive environment in elementary general music. Michigan Music Conference (virtual event).

2020

Fostering vocal creativity and improvisation in elementary music. New York State School Music Association Winter Conference, Rochester, NY (invited for December 2020 but canceled due to COVID19).

Teaching harmony step-by-step: A sequential approach to developing harmonic audiation. New York State School Music Association Winter Conference, Rochester, NY (invited for December 2020 but canceled due to COVID19).

Individual musicking: Developing elementary students' musical independence. New York State School Music Association Winter Conference, Rochester, NY (invited for December 2020 but canceled due to COVID19).

Research to "real life": Applications of recent research for elementary general music. New York State School Music Association Winter Conference, Rochester, NY (invited for December 2020 but canceled due to COVID19).

More bang for your buck: Extending lessons, making connections, and curriculum mapping for elementary general music. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, New England chapter (virtual webinar).

Fostering vocal improvisation in elementary music. Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Conference, Portland, OR.

"Begin with the end in mind": Using backward design to build sequential elementary music instruction. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Sing and strum: Building harmonic skill and understanding through singing and ukulele (co-presented with Amy Sierzega). Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2019

Evading the MLT police: Making compromises without compromising core values. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, 7th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Teaching harmony step-by-step: A sequential approach to developing harmonic audiation. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Ohio chapter.

Research to 'real life': Applications of recent research for elementary general music. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2018

More bang for your buck: Extending lessons, making connections, and curriculum mapping for elementary general music. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, New York chapter.

Teaching harmony step-by-step: A sequential approach to developing harmonic audiation. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, New England chapter.

Research-to-practice: The invisible power of teacher beliefs. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2017

More bang for your buck: Extending lessons, making connections, and curriculum mapping for elementary general music. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Michigan Chapter. Hope College, Holland, MI.

Hearing the notes on the page: How to help kids make sense of music notation. General Music Fall Workshop, Michigan Music Education Association, Ypsilanti, MI.

Beyond major and minor: Expanding musical experiences through varied tonalities. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, 6th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Music learning theory in depth. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Music Learning Theory in upper elementary. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Michigan Chapter. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.

Beyond major and minor: Expanding students' musical experiences through varied tonalities. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2016

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

2015

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Playing nice in the sandbox: Communicating and collaborating with others. 5th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Hearing the notes on the page: How to help kids make sense of music notation. New Hampshire Music Educators' Association Spring Conference, Concord, NH.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. New Hampshire Music Educators' Association Spring Conference, Concord, NH.

More bang for your buck: Extending lessons and making connections in elementary general music. New Hampshire Music Educators' Association Spring Conference, Concord, NH.

More bang for your buck: Extending lessons and making connections in elementary general music. Michigan Music Educators Association Collegiate Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Advocating the importance of elementary general music. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Focusing on musicianship in the designing of curriculum and assessment. Panelist with Colleen Conway, University of Michigan. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2014

Moving forward with the Alliance for Active Music Making: Growth through collaboration. Panel led by Judy Bond. American Orff-Schulwerk Association Professional Development Conference, Nashville, TN.

When worlds collide: Incorporating vernacular music into the elementary classroom. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2013

Responding to the musical needs of young children. Piano Teachers' Forum of Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids, MI.

Assessment of musical skills and development of music literacy: Tools for fostering musical independence. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, New England chapter.

The ABCs of MLT. Flint Area Music Educators, University of Michigan-Flint.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. NAFME National In-Service Conference, Nashville, TN.

Hearing the notes on the page: How to help kids make sense of music notation. 4th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Individual musicking: Developing elementary students' musical independence. 4th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Tips for administering aptitude tests. 4th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Independence, uniqueness, tolerance, unity, & music. Panelist with Wendy Valerio and Judy Bond. 4th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Oak Park, IL.

Music learning theory in depth. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Pathways to independent musicianship: Engaging young children in active music making and sequential skill development. Millikin University, Decatur, IL.

Individual musicking: Developing elementary students' musical independence. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Fostering vocal creativity and improvisation in elementary music. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Illuminating the mystery: Music Learning Theory in action (co-presenter with Cynthia Taggart and Jennifer Bailey). Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2012

Nurturing independent musicianship through creativity and improvisation. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, New York chapter.

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Hearing the notes on the page: How to help kids make sense of music notation. South Carolina Music Educators Association In-Service Conference, North Charleston, SC.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. South Carolina Music Educators Association In-Service Conference, North Charleston, SC.

Hearing the notes on the page: How to help kids make sense of music notation. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Music Learning Theory Hour (co-presenter with Cynthia Taggart). Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2011

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference, Peoria, IL.

A playful approach to teaching preschool and kindergarten music. MENC North Central Division Convention/Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

The ABCs of MLT: A beginner's guide to music learning theory. MENC North Central Division Convention/Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. MENC North Central Division Convention/Ohio Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

2010

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

The ABCs of MLT. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Michigan Chapter.

Developing musicianship in elementary general music: Day one to long run. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, South Carolina Chapter.

A playful approach to teaching preschool and kindergarten music. Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference, Peoria, IL.

More bang for your buck: Extending lessons and making connections in elementary general music. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

The ABCs of MLT: A beginner's guide to music learning theory. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Success as a co-operating teacher for elementary music: A panel discussion. Panelist with Colleen Conway, University of Michigan. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2009

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. Wisconsin State Music Conference, Madison, WI.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. 2nd International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Winston-Salem, NC.

Composing from the inside out: Meaningful composition in elementary general music. Gordon Institute for Music Learning International Conference, Winston-Salem, NC.

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. MENC North Central Division Convention/Indiana Music Educators Association State Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Composing from the inside out: Meaningful composition in elementary general music. Presentation with Amy Rabe, Farmington Public Schools. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

2008

Elementary methods workshop: Gordon music learning theory day. Wisconsin School Music Association, Waunakee, WI.

The ABCs of MLT. Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Michigan Chapter.

2007

Composing with tonal understanding in elementary general music: Developing tonal audiation. New Directions in Music Education, East Lansing, MI.

Composing with tonal understanding in elementary general music: Developing tonal audiation. Michigan Music Educators Association Early Careers Conferences, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Developing students' harmonic understanding: Helping kids find home. Presentation with Cynthia Taggart. Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

SERVICE

NATIONAL SERVICE

Update: Applications of Research in Music Education
Editorial Board Member, 2022-2026

Gordon Institute for Music Learning

Chair of Virtual Teacher Mentoring Program, 2018-present

Co-chair of Professional Development Commission, 2023-2025

Research Commission Member, 2020-present

Review Board Member, *Audea: A Journal for Research and Applications of Music Learning Theory*, 2021-2024, 2024-2027

Immediate Past-President, 2019-2022

President, 2016-2019

President-Elect, 2013-2016

Chair of Education Commission, 2009-2013

Executive Board Member, 2007-2022, 2023-2025

Podcast Host/Producer, 2020-present (<https://everydaymusicality.com/podcast/>)

Established and currently maintain a podcast called "Everyday Musicality: Unlocking the Inner Musician Through MLT" to provide professional development on Gordon's Music Learning Theory for music educators.

Blog Author, 2019-present (<https://everydaymusicality.com/research-to-real-life/>)

Established and currently maintain a blog called "Research to Real Life: Practical Applications of Music Education Research for Teachers" to disseminate weekly summaries of published research studies in practitioner-friendly language

Reader/Reviewer

Guest reviewer for *Psychology of Music*.

Guest reviewer for *International Journal of Music Education*.

Guest reviewer for *Music Education Research*.

Guest reviewer for *Research Studies in Music Education*.

Guest reviewer for *Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education*.

Guest reviewer for *TOPICS for Music Education Praxis*.

Reviewer for chapter entitled "Assessment in Music Education: The State of the Art" by Timothy S. Brophy, published in *The Oxford Handbook of Assessment Policy and Practice in Music Education*.

Reviewer for chapter entitled "Qualitative Research in General Music Education" by Ann Marie Stanley, published in *The Oxford Handbook of Qualitative Research in American Music Education*.

In-service Clinics/Professional Development

Improvisation is elementary: It's all about readiness! (2.5-hour virtual professional development). Success Academy Charter Schools, Brooklyn, NY, August 2020.

The ABC's of MLT (1-day in-service). Sun Prairie Area School District, Sun Prairie, WI, 2019.

Implementing Gordon's Music Learning Theory (2-day teacher professional development), Orange Schools, Orange, CT, 2018.

STATE SERVICE

Michigan Music Education Association

Michigan Music Educator, General Music Column Editor, 2010-2017

Society for General Music Liaison, 2010-2017

General Music Fall Workshop Chair, 2013-2017

Chair of planning committee for inaugural fall elementary music workshop, 2012-2013

Roundtable Moderator, MMEA Research Symposium, 2014 & 2015

Gordon Institute for Music Learning, Michigan Chapter

President, 2007-2009

Vice-President, 2005-2007

Newsletter Editor, 2005-2007

In-service Clinics/Professional Development

Fostering vocal creativity and improvisation in elementary music (1-hour teacher professional development). Marshall Public Schools, Marshall, MI, January 2022.

Teaching harmony step-by-step: A sequential approach to developing harmonic audiation (1-hour teacher professional development). Marshall Public Schools, Marshall, MI, January 2022.

The ABC's of MLT (1/2-day in-service). Northville Public Schools, Northville, MI, 2018.

A playful approach to teaching preschool and kindergarten music (1/2-day in-service clinic), Huron Valley Schools, Highland, MI, 2017.

Assessment in elementary general music (1/2-day in-service). VanBuren Schools, Belleville, MI, 2015.

Assessing musical skills and development in elementary music. Arts First! (professional development conference), Oakland Schools, Oakland County, MI, 2011.

Teaching students with special needs in the elementary music classroom (1/2 day in-service clinic). Livonia Public Schools, Livonia, MI, 2007.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (SELECTED)

University/College Service:

College Advisory Council, College of Arts & Sciences, Winter 2024-Winter 2025
University Sabbatical and Research Leave Committee, Chair, Fall 2022 & Winter 2022
Secondary Methods Teaching Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2013-present
Advanced Programs Committee, College of Education, 2013-2016
- Recording Secretary, 2013-2016

Departmental Service:

Instruction Committee, EMU School of Music & Dance, 2017-2023, 2024-2027
- Chair, 2020-2021
- Recording Secretary, 2017-2019, 2022-2023
Faculty Search Committee for Director of Orchestral Activities, EMU School of Music & Dance, 2018-2019
Assessment Coordinator, EMU School of Music & Dance, 2014-2015, 2016-2019
Faculty Search Committee for Music Therapy, EMU School of Music & Dance, 2017-2018
Personnel Committee, EMU School of Music & Dance, 2014-2016

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

- Faculty Research Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2025.
- Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, Eastern Michigan University, Winter 2025.
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowship, Bruce K. Nelson Faculty Development Center, Eastern Michigan University, 2024.
- College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Faculty Professional Development Award, 2024-2025.
- Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, Eastern Michigan University, Winter 2024.
- Women in Philanthropy Grant, Eastern Michigan University, 2024.
- Faculty Research Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2023.
- Cynthia Taggart Fellowship Award, Michigan State University, 2024.
- Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, Eastern Michigan University, Summer 2022.
- Faculty Research Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2021.
- Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, Eastern Michigan University, Summer 2021.
- Josephine Nevins Keal Professional Development Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2020.
- Undergraduate Research Stimulus Award, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2020.
- Sabbatical Leave, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2019.

- Edwin E. Gordon Research Fund Grant Recipient, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, 2019.
- Josephine Nevins Keal Professional Development Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2019.
- James E. Brickley Faculty Professional Development and Innovation Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2018.
- Edwin E. Gordon Research Fund Grant Recipient, Gordon Institute for Music Learning, 2018.
- James E. Brickley Faculty Professional Development and Innovation Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2017.
- Josephine Nevins Keal Professional Development Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2015.
- Outstanding Dissertation Award Nominee, The Council for Research in Music Education, 2015.
- Provost's New Faculty Research Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2014.
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2013.
- Excellence-in-Teaching Citation, Michigan State University, 2012.
- Leadership Endowment Fellowship from the Council of Graduate Students and the Graduate School, Michigan State University, 2012.
- Travel Fellowships from the Graduate School and the College of Music, Michigan State University, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Michigan State University, College of Music, 2010-2013.
- Graduation with High Honors, Michigan State University, Honors College, 2002.
- Mackey-Niland Award in Music Education, Michigan State University, 2000.
- Professorial Assistantship, Michigan State University, Honors College, 1997-1999.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University Women's Chamber Ensemble, Alto, 2011-2012
 Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra, Substitute Clarinet, 2001
 Michigan State University Wind Symphony, Clarinet and E-flat Clarinet, 2000-2001
 Michigan State University School of Music, Solo Clarinet Recitals, 1998, 2000, 2001
 Michigan State University Opera Orchestra, Clarinet, 2000
 Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band, Alto Saxophone, 2000
 Michigan State University Philharmonic Orchestra, Clarinet and Bass Clarinet, 1999-2000
 Michigan State University Symphony Band, Clarinet, Co-Section Leader, 1998-2000

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
 Gordon Institute for Music Learning (GIML)
 Michigan Music Education Association (MMEA)
 National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
 Society for Music Teacher Education (SMTE)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

Orff Schulwerk

One-Week Workshop, Orff Music and Movement, 2006

Gordon Institute for Music Learning

GIML Faculty Internship, Elementary General Music, 2007

Level Two Certification, Elementary General Music, 2004

Level One Certification, Elementary General Music, 2002

Level One Certification, Instrumental Music, 2001