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EDUCATION AND STUDIES

- 2011 Fellow Certification (FAGO): Professional Certification examination, American Guild of Organists
- 2009 Associate Certification (AAGO): Professional Certification examination, American Guild of Organists
- Dec 2006 Master's of Music in Organ and Church Music, Indiana University. Teachers included:
Dr. Christopher Young – Organ
Dr. Marilyn Keiser – Church Music
Dr. John Schwandt – Music Theory and Improvisation
Dr. Brent Gault – Children's Choir Pedagogy
Dr. Elisabeth Wright – Harpsichord
Ms. Susan Swaney and Dr. Jan Harrington – Choral Conducting
- June 1998 Colleague Certification (CAGO): Professional Certification examination, American Guild of Organists
- April 1998 Service Playing Certification: Professional Certification examination, American Guild of Organists
- 1992 Bachelor of Arts (*summa cum laude*), The University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- 1992 Member, Phi Sigma Tau International Philosophy Honor Society

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- September 2017 - current Adjunct Faculty at Montana State University Billings, teaching piano proficiency classes
- February 2016 - current Incorporated private studio as Stephanie's Studio
- 2007-17 Director of Music Ministry at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Billings, MT. Oversee fully-graded choir program of four vocal choirs (pre-K–1st, 2nd–5th, 6th–10th, senior high–adult), and one handbell choir, as well as guest ensembles and soloists. Direct all choirs except one children's choirs. Serve as primary organist and accompanist. Also plan and coordinate all music for worship services and other special events.
- Fall 2006 Accompanist for Bloomington Chamber Singers, a community chorus of approximately 60 auditioned singers. Repertoire for the semester was Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

- 2005-06 Accompanist for IU Children's Chorus Chamber Singers, the premiere chorus of the IUCC organization
- 2005-06 Organist at Fairview United Methodist Church, Bloomington — responsible for organ duties at Sunday morning worship (one service), accompanying Adult Choir, and playing for special services.
- June 2004 Children's Handbell Clinician at Montreat Music and Worship Conference in Montreat, NC — directed four rehearsals daily of beginning and intermediate level children's handbell choirs, rising grades 4-6.
- 2003-04 Director of sole proprietorship Houston Community Handbells — taught handbell classes, choirs, and lessons in the greater Houston area. Two major clients were: 1) a home school cooperative, for which I provided children's choir (grades 2-5) and handbell choir (grades 6-12) instruction; and 2) an elementary charter school for underprivileged children where I also taught handbell classes for six 4th and 5th grade classes (three classes at each grade level). I also directed The HandBelles™, a semi-professional ladies' quartet who produced a CD and performed outreach concerts at schools, hospitals, and retirement homes.
- 1999-2003 Associate Director of Music Ministries, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Houston
Some duties were similar to first tenure (1989-96). Changes in work with children and youth included:
- Led change of Vacation Church School program to Bible-Choir Camp, during which children in rising grades 1-6 learned a full-length children's musical that they performed at the end of the week. Also recruited and oversaw the work of youth in grades 6-12, who were the primary assistants in the program.
 - Assumed directorship of Carol Choir (grades 2-5), including direction and production of yearly full-length musical
 - Oversaw volunteer director of Cherub Choir (K & 1st grade)
- 1998 Interim Director of Children's and Youth Music, Northwoods Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas
- 1996-97 Associate Director of Music Ministries, First United Methodist Church, Winter Park, Florida
- 1992-95 Mo-Ranch Music and Worship Conference (one-week summer camp):
- Youth Choir accompanist under Allen Pote (1995)
 - Adult Choir accompanist under Axel Theimer (1994)
 - "Floating" accompanist for all ensembles (1993)
 - Handbell Clinician for Mid-Highs and for Adult Beginners (1992)
- 1989-96 Associate Director of Music Ministries, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas — duties as primary musical and administrative assistant to the Director of Music Ministries included directing children's choir/s and handbell choirs as well as accompanying all ensembles and soloists for regular worship, extra services and programs.

Children's Choir duties:

- Coordinated and directed music for Vacation Church School
- Accompanied Chancel Choir, Youth Choir (grades 6-12), Carol Choir (grades 2-5), Compline Choir, folk/praise group, and brass ensemble
- Accompanied and assisted with all productions of youth and children's musicals, Chancel Choir cantatas, and other special programs
- Directed Cherub Choir (4 years old – 1st grade), Preparatory Handbell Choir (grades 4–6), Intermediate Handbell Choir (grades 6–8)

RECENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- June 2014 One of six organists chosen by audition as performing participants at the inaugural Organ Institute of the Oregon Bach Festival, led by Paul Jacobs.
- June 2006 Original hymn (words and text) used as a theme song for Annual Conference of the Southern Indiana district of the United Methodist Church. Hymn was co-winner of a competition with other original texts/tunes.
- July 18-29, 2005 One of six organists chosen by audition to participate in the American-sponsored Summer Institute of French Organ Studies (SIFOS), led by Dr. Jesse Eschbach (University of North Texas) and Gene Bedient (Bedient Organs, Inc.). This is a two-week intensive study program in French Classic and Romantic literature on organs in France. Also awarded a merit scholarship to cover tuition costs of the program.
- July 11-16, 2005 One of ten organists (the only American) chosen by audition to compete in the Orgelstadt-Landsberg International Organ Competition.
- February 2005 Awarded St. Luke's and Goulding & Wood Scholarship – a merit-based scholarship presented by St. Luke's UMC (Indianapolis) and Goulding & Wood Organ Builders to a student in the Organ or Organ and Church Music program at IU. Renewed for 2005-06 school year.
- August 2004 Awarded Dean's Scholarship upon acceptance to IU. Renewed for 2005-06 school year.

REFERENCES:

Available upon request