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Education

D.M.A. in Saxophone Performance	Arizona State University	2009-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studied with Dr. Timothy McAllister		
M.M. in Saxophone Performance	University of Minnesota	2006-2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studied with Dr. Eugene Rousseau		
B.M. in Music Education and Saxophone Performance	Ithaca College	2002-2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studied with Dr. Steven Mauk and Dr. Connie Frigo		

Additional Study

Université Européenne d'été pour le Saxophone Gap, France	2005, 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studied with renowned saxophonists from all over Europe, such as Claude Delangle, Arno Bornkamp, Vincent David, and Jean-Denis Michat	

Collegiate Teaching

Assistant Professor of Saxophone University of Tennessee-Knoxville Knoxville, TN	Fall 2013-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach undergraduate and graduate saxophone students• Coach saxophone quartets/saxophone ensemble and facilitate studio class• Teach Woodwind Methods II (saxophone/flute) for music education students• Organize and co-teach Woodwind Literature/Pedagogy course• Perform as a soloist and collaborate with faculty• Coordinate Woodwind Area,• Recruit for UT Saxophone Studio	
Professor of Saxophone Sabbatical Replacement Ithaca College Ithaca, NY	Spring 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught 19 undergraduate and graduate saxophone students• Coached saxophone quartets and facilitate studio class• Performed as a soloist and collaborate with faculty	

Visiting Lecturer of Saxophone
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

- Taught private saxophone lessons
- Coached saxophone quartets and hold wind band sectionals
- Performed as a soloist and collaborate with faculty

2012-2013

Additional Teaching Experience

Faculty Member and Campus Administrator
“Nief-Norf” Summer Music Festival
Knoxville, TN

- Coach and conduct mixed chamber groups
- Perform on faculty recital
- Organize housing, dining, and parking logistics

Summer 2015-2018

Instructor of Saxophone and “Yoga for Musicians”
Ithaca College Summer Music Academy
Ithaca, NY

- Taught “Yoga for Musicians” elective course
- Taught daily master classes to classical and jazz saxophone students
- Provided private lessons for high school saxophonists
- Coached saxophone ensemble and saxophone quartets
- Performed on faculty recitals

Summer 2012-2014

“Yoga for Musicians” Classes Taught

University of Tennessee Cello Workshop
Knoxville, TN

February 2017

University of Tennessee c-NAfME meeting
Knoxville, TN

February 2017

University of Tennessee Horn Summit Weekend
Knoxville, TN

March 2016

University of Tennessee c-NAfME meeting
Knoxville, TN

February 2016

University of Tennessee Viola Celebration Weekend
Knoxville, TN

October 2014

University of Tennessee First Year Students program
Knoxville, TN

October 2014

Ithaca College Summer Music Academy (see “Additional Teaching Experience” above)

Summer 2012-2014

Publications

“How Dystonia Brought Balance to My Life” 2014
Chapter found in the book *Notes of Hope*
Published by Mountain Peak Music

The Benefits of Yoga for Musicians 2014
Essay found in the online resource “Crosstraining for Musicians”
Published by Mountain Peak Music

Yoga and Saxophone Performance: The Integration of Two Disciplines 2012
D.M.A. Dissertation
Published in ProQuest

Ongoing Professional Affiliations

Performing Artist for the D’Addario Company 2014-present

Certifications

Yoga 200-Hour Teacher Training, completed 2012

Additional Professional Experience

Woodwind Area Coordinator, University of Tennessee-Knoxville 2014-present
School of Music

Advisory Committee Member, University of Tennessee-Knoxville 2014-present
School of Music

Bylaws Committee Member, University of Tennessee-Knoxville 2014-present
School of Music

Single Reed Honor Ensemble Day Co-Director 2016-present
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN

- Organize an invitational honor ensemble day for saxophone and clarinet students across the state of Tennessee.
- Co-direct with Dr. Victor Chavez, UT-Knoxville Assistant Professor of Clarinet

Search Committee Member, University of Tennessee-Knoxville 2016-2017
Tenure-Track Music Theory Position

Single Reed Day Co-Director 2014-2016
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, TN

- Organized a single reed event for high school and college students including guest artists, lectures, chamber music, and vendors.
- Co-directed with Dr. Victor Chavez, UT-Knoxville Assistant Professor of Clarinet
- Guest Artists:

2015-2016	The Estrella Consort, saxophones and Nikki Tejero, Meghan Merciers, Nicholas Hartline, and Ford Fourquean, clarinets
2014-2015	Eugene Rousseau, saxophone and Julie DeRoche, clarinet
2013-2014	Timothy McAllister, saxophone and Kenneth Grant, clarinet

Search Committee Member, University of Tennessee-Knoxville Fall 2015
Tenure-Track Tuba Position

Faculty Chamber Series Committee Member, University of 2014-2015
Tennessee-Knoxville School of Music

Reed Testing for D'Addario Music 2014
Prototypes for Classic Reserve Alto Saxophone Reeds

Adjudicator for the Tennessee MTNA (Music Teacher's National 2013
Association) Chamber Music Competition
Cookeville, TN

Presentations

International

39th International Saxophone Symposium January 2017
Hosted by United States Navy Band
"Exploring the Breath: The Breath as a Tool"
George Mason University; Fairfax, VA

38th International Saxophone Symposium January 2016
Hosted by United States Navy Band
"Become a Better Sight Reader"
Shenandoah University; Winchester, VA

37th International Saxophone Symposium January 2015
Hosted by United States Navy Band
*"Avoiding Injury and Promoting Healthy Musicians:
Yoga and the Saxophone"*
Shenandoah University; Winchester, VA

National

North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference March 2018
"Playing for Two: Saxophone and Pregnancy"
University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music (CCM)
Cincinnati, OH

Local

Knoxville Music Teacher's National Association
*"Yoga for Musicians: Preventing and Recovering from
Performance Injuries"*
Knoxville, TN

November 2014

Master Classes**National**

University of Michigan
with Estrella Consort
Ann Arbor, MI

February 2017

Arizona State University
with Estrella Consort
Tempe, AZ

November 2016

The University of Georgia
Athens, GA

February 2016

Furman University
Greenville, SC

February 2016

Regional

Vanderbilt University
with Estrella Consort
Nashville, TN

November 2015

Middle Tennessee State University
with Estrella Consort
Murfreesboro, TN

November 2015

Local

Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts
Murfreesboro, TN

June 2016

Sumner County Honor Band Festival
Sumner County, TN

February 2014

Middle Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association
Mid-State Band Clinic
Murfreesboro, TN

January 2014

Selected Performances

* denotes premiere performance

International

18th World Saxophone Congress July 11, 2018
Invited Solo Performer
University of Zagreb Academy of Music
Zagreb, Croatia

- *Manifestation and Ruminations* by Keane Southard
- *Through All Panics* by Andrew Sigler*

International Clarinet Association Conference: ClarinetFest 2017 July 29, 2017
Invited Duo Performance with Dr. Victor Chavez
Orlando, FL

- *Glint* by Roshanne Etezady
- *Whirl* by Lansing McLoskey

39th International Saxophone Symposium January 7, 2017
Invited Solo Performer
Hosted by United States Navy Band
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

- *Der Holle Nachklang I* by Dimitri Terzakis
- *Pythikos Nomos* by Brian Elias

38th International Saxophone Symposium January 16, 2016
Invited Solo Performer
Hosted by United States Navy Band
Shenandoah University; Winchester, VA

- *Dreams in the Dusk* by David Biedenbender*
(premiere of piano reduction)

National

“Nief-Norf” Summer Music Festival June 11, 2018
Opening Faculty Concert
Knoxville, TN

Big Ears Festival – Big Space by Michael Gordon March 25, 2018
Bang on A Can All-Stars with Nief-Norf
Tennessee Theater
Knoxville, TN

North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference March 10, 2018
Estrella Consort – Invited Performer
University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music (CCM)
Cincinnati, OH

- *Aria* by Elliott McKinley*
- *Warp and Woof* by Robert Reinhart*

<i>Estrella Consort</i> Performance at Loveland High School Loveland, OH	March 9, 2018
<i>“Nief-Norf” Summer Music Festival</i> Opening Faculty Concert Knoxville, TN	June 12, 2017
<i>Desert Images</i> San Diego New Music Recital Invited Solo Performer Athenaeum Music and Arts Library San Diego, CA	March 16, 2017
<i>Estrella Consort Artist Residency</i> Musical Instrument Museum Invited Performer Phoenix, AZ As part of the artist residency program, The Estrella Consort performed two concerts/day at the museum for students in elementary-high school	November 3-4, 2016
<i>“Nief-Norf” Summer Music Festival</i> Faculty Concert and Closing Concert Knoxville, TN	June 2016
<i>North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference</i> Invited Solo Performer Texas Tech University • <i>Dreams in the Dusk</i> by David Biedenbender	March 11, 2016
Guest Artist Recital The University of Georgia Athens, GA	February 25, 2016
Guest Artist Recital Furman University Greenville, SC	February 24, 2016
<i>“Nief-Norf” Summer Music Festival</i> Opening Concert Knoxville, TN	June 7, 2015
<i>Estrella Consort Quartet Tour</i> • Northwestern University; Chicago, IL (Sept. 7) • University of Illinois at Chicago; Chicago, IL (Sept. 9) • Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, MI (Sept. 11) • Saginaw Valley State University; Saginaw, MI (Sept. 12)	September 2014

North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference March 21 & 23, 2014
Invited Solo and Quartet Performer (Estrella Consort)
University of Urbana-Champaign, IL

- *Rumination and Manifestation* by Keane Southard*
- *Flames Will Grow* by Dominick DiOrio

Estrella Consort December 2013
“I am AZ” Classical Revolution Concert Series
Musical Instrument Museum
Phoenix, AZ

Regional

Simply Sinatra Christmas December 11, 2015
Performance with the Asheville Symphony Orchestra
Asheville, NC

Estrella Consort Quartet Tour November 2015

- Single Reed Day Guest Artist, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (Nov. 21)
- Middle Tennessee State University; Murfreesboro, TN (Nov. 17)
- Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN (Nov. 16)
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville (Nov. 15)

Demersseman’s *Le Carnaval de Venice* April 11, 2014
University of Tennessee-Knoxville Faculty Showcase
Tennessee Music Educator’s Association
All-State Professional Development Conference
Memphis, TN

College Music Society Regional Conference February 15, 2014
Invited performer with The Estrella Consort
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Local

Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin May 17-18, 2018
Performance with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series
Knoxville, TN

Soloist with Knoxville Youth Saxophone Ensemble May 8, 2018
Directed by Mr. Ryan Bright May 5, 2018
Performances in the Knoxville Area: Market Square, Victor
Ashe Park, Rush’s Music April 16, 2018

Symphonic Dances by Sergei Rachmaninoff September 21-22, 2018
Performance with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series
Knoxville, TN

Carnival of Venice by Jules Demersseman May 5, 2017
Hardin Valley Academy Symphonic Band
Knoxville, TN

<i>Danzon No. 4</i> by Arturo Márquez Performance with the Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra Knoxville, TN	October 29-30, 2016
<i>Concerto for Soprano Sax and Wind Ensemble</i> by John Mackey Concerto Performance University of Tennessee Wind Ensemble	April 21, 2016
<i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i> by Modest Mussorgsky Performance with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series Knoxville, TN	March 17-18, 2016
<i>Images</i> Faculty Recital University of Tennessee-Knoxville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works by Mantovani, Biedenbender, Wubbles, and Eckardt 	February 23, 2016
<i>Selections from Romeo and Juliet</i> by Sergei Prokofiev Performance with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series Knoxville, TN	February 18-19, 2016
<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> by George Gershwin Performance with Roane Choral Society Harriman, TN	March 7, 2015
<i>Suite No. 2 from Romeo and Juliet, op. 64</i> by Sergei Prokofiev Performance with the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra Oak Ridge, TN	February 14, 2015
Guest Performer Dr. Shelley Binder's Faculty Flute Recital The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	November 21, 2014
Single Reed Day Closing Concert Featured duets with Eugene Rousseau and Victor Chavez University of Tennessee-Knoxville	November 8, 2014
<i>Gradient 2.0</i> Faculty Recital University of Tennessee-Knoxville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works by Sekhon, Scelsi, ter Veldhuis, Larsson, and Southard 	October 12, 2014
Soloist: University of Tennessee Percussion Ensemble <i>Gradient 2.0</i> by Baljinder Sekhon University of Tennessee-Knoxville	October 1, 2014

- Demersseman's *Le Carnaval de Venice* April 15, 2014
 Concerto Performance
 University of Tennessee Wind Ensemble
- Loeffler's *Ballade Carnavalesque* for alto sax, flute, oboe, bassoon, & piano March 30, 2014
 Faculty Chamber Recital Series
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Guest Performer March 5, 2014
 Dr. Katie Johnson's Faculty Horn Recital
 The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Guest Artist and Faculty Recital* February 16, 2014
 The Estrella Consort
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- An American in Paris* October 17-18, 2013
 Performance with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
 Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series
 Knoxville, TN
- Flames Will Grow* October 9, 2013
 Faculty Recital
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville
 Knoxville, TN
- Works by Albright, DiOrio*, Terzakis, Larsen, and Schulhoff
- Milhaud's *La Creation Du Monde* and Amram's *Trio for Tenor Saxophone, Horn and Bassoon* October 6, 2013
 Faculty Chamber Recital Series
 University of Tennessee-Knoxville
 Knoxville, TN
- Given "Honorable Mention" by *Metropulse* for 2013 Best Chamber Performance-Knoxville

Commissions

- Through All Panics* for tenor saxophone and piano May 2017
 Composed by Andrew Sigler for Allison Adams
 Scheduled Premiere July 2018 at the 18th World Saxophone Congress
- Aria* for Saxophone Quartet and Media October 2015
 Composed by Elliott McKinley for Allison Adams and the Estrella Consort
 Premiered March 2018 at the NASA Biennial Conference
- of Light and Shadows* (Sonata No. 2) for Alto Saxophone and Piano July 2014
 Composed by Gregory Wanamaker for a consortium of professionals
- Sonata of Puzzles* for Saxophone and Piano July 2014
 Composed by Baljinder Sekhon for a consortium of professionals

Flames Will Grow for alto saxophone, mezzo-soprano, and piano July 2013
Composed by Dominick DiOrio for Allison Adams and Elizabeth Bouk
Premiered October 2013 at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Rumination and Manifestation for tenor saxophone and piano February 2013
Composed by Keane Southard for Allison Adams
Premiered March 2014 at the NASA Biennial Conference

Selected Student Accomplishments

International Level

"EessenneT" Saxophone Quartet (graduate/undergraduate) January 2017

- Invited performance at the 39th International Saxophone Symposium held by the U.S. Navy Band at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, College Quartet Series

"Lys et les Garçons" Saxophone Quartet (undergraduate) January 2017

- Invited performance at the 39th International Saxophone Symposium held by the U.S. Navy Band at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, College Quartet Series

Junwen Jia (MM) February 2015

- Winner of the United States Open Music Competition Instrumental Solo – Senior/Advanced Category in Oakland, CA

"Utopia" Saxophone Quartet (graduate/undergraduate) January 2015

- Invited performance at the 37th International Saxophone Symposium held by the U.S. Navy Band at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA, College Quartet Series

Regional and State Level

EessenneT Saxophone Quartet (graduate/undergraduate) January 2018

- Competed in the Regional Round of the Music Teacher's National Association Competition (Senior Winds Division)

EessenneT Saxophone Quartet November 2017

- 1st place in the State Round of the Music Teacher's National Association Competition (Senior Winds Division)

Junwen Jia (MM) April 2015

- Masterclass performer at the 2015 Region 6 NASA Conference at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA

Local Level

John Flores (BME 2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st place winner in the Knoxville Music Study Club Scholarship Competition	March 2018
Brianna Terry (BME Dec 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st place winner in the 2017 UT Celebration of Excellence Competition	February 2017
Sydney Warren (BM 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UT Concerto Competition Winner	January 2017
Junwen Jia (MM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UT Concerto Competition Winner	January 2016
Sydney Warren (BM 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st place winner in the Knoxville Music Study Club's 2015 Scholarship Competition	February 2015
Sydney Warren (BM 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd place winner in the 2015 UT Celebration of Excellence Competition	February 2015
"Utopia" Saxophone Quartet (graduate/undergraduate) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invited reception performance for the Appalachian Ballet Company at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium	December 2014
"Utopia" Saxophone Quartet (graduate/undergraduate) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asked to performed at the reception for the UT Faculty Chamber Series Concert	October 2014
"Utopia" Saxophone Quartet (graduate/undergraduate) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd place winner in the UT Celebration of Excellence Competition• Asked to performed at UT Open House event for prospective students	February 2014
Jacob Lane (BA 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st place winner in the Knoxville Music Study Club Scholarship Competition	February 2014

Guest Artists Hosted

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

2017-2018

~nois (Saxophone Quartet from Northwestern University)

Dr. Shawna Pennock (DMA, University of Georgia)

Dr. José Zayas-Cabán (Kirksville, Missouri)

2016-2017

Assembly Saxophone Quartet
Dr. Christopher Anderson (Champaign-Urbana, Illinois)
Three Reeds Duo

2015-2016

Navy Band Great Lakes Woodwind Quintet (Great Lakes, IL)
Estrella Consort (Saxophone Quartet)

2014-2015

Eugene Rousseau (University of Minnesota)
Pedrosaxo (Nashville, TN)
Barkada Saxophone Quartet (Indiana University)
Scottie Wright (Minneapolis, MN)
Baljinder Sekhon (Composer, University of South Florida)

- Organized collaboration with composition department to include masterclass with composition students as well as saxophonists

Colin Young (Drake University/Grinnell College)

2013-2014

Timothy McAllister (Northwestern University)
Estrella Consort (Saxophone Quartet)
Kyle Hutchins (University of Minnesota)
Dominick DiOrio (Composer, Indiana University)

- Organized collaboration with composition department to include masterclass with composition students as well as saxophonists

Elizabeth Bouk (mezzo-soprano, New York)

Social Media Outlets

Personal Webpage
<http://www.allisondadams.com>

UT Saxophone Studio Webpage:
<http://www.music.utk.edu/saxophone/>

UT Saxophone Studio Facebook Page:
https://www.facebook.com/utksaxophone?ref=hl&ref_type=bookmark

Estrella Consort Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/theestrellaconsort/

Professional Memberships

The North American Saxophone Alliance (NASA)
Music Teacher's National Association
East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association

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