

Alexis J. Smerdon

Education

- Master of Music in Music Theory with a Concentration in Pedagogy** **2016**
University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN
Graduated GPA: 3.77
- Master of Music in Trombone Performance** **2015**
University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN
Studied with Dr. Alex van Duuren, Lecturer/Adjunct Assistant Professor of Trombone
Studied with Dr. Daniel Cloutier, former Assistant Professor of Trombone
Graduated GPA: 4.00
- Bachelor of Music in Trombone Performance** **2013**
Brigham Young University – Idaho Rexburg, ID
Studied with Dr. Bryce Mecham, Professor of Trombone
Graduated GPA: 3.65

Teaching Experience

- Private Studio** **January 2013-Present**
Smerdon Music Studios, Orem, UT, www.smerdonmusicstudios.com
 - *Currently maintain a private studio of trombone, music theory/ear training, and piano students.*
- Co-Director/Co-Founder** **January 2016-May 2018**
Knoxville Youth Trombone Choir, Knoxville, TN
- Music Theory Instructor** **September 2015-April 2018**
Hart Strings Violin Studio, Knoxville, TN (2016-Present)
Suzuki Piano Studio of Knoxville, Knoxville, TN (2015-2016)
- Lecturer of Music Theory** **August 2016-May 2017**
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
 - *Adjunct part-time lecturer of music theory courses for the UT School of Music.*
- Band Camp – Marching/Low Brass Instructor**
Maryville High School, Maryville, TN **July 2014/2015/2016**
Roane County High School, Kingston, TN **July-August 2016**
West High School, Knoxville, TN **July 2015**
Halls High School, Knoxville, TN **July 2014**

Low Brass Sectional Instructor

Cedar Bluff Middle School, Knoxville, TN

West High School, Knoxville, TN

Maryville High School, Maryville, TN

April-May 2016

January-May 2015/2016

January-February 2016

Online Instructor

TakeLessons.com

- *Taught online group music theory classes for aspiring pianists.*

February-April 2016

Head Tutor – Music Theory/Ear Training

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Supervising Professors: Dr. Barbara Murphy and Dr. Brendan McConville

August 2014-December 2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Trombone

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Supervising Professors: Dr. Alex van Duuren and Dr. Daniel Cloutier

August 2013-July 2015

- Taught private trombone lessons to a total of fifteen undergraduate music students, four as their primary instructor and eight on a rotational basis.
- Coached three trombone quartets for one hour per week.
- Conducted and rehearsed the UTK Trombone Choir as needed.
- Taught Trombone Studio masterclass as needed.
- Office work for supervising professors.
- Attended recruiting trips as needed.

Choir Director

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Knoxville 1st Ward, Knoxville, TN

August 2013-July 2015

Music Theory/Ear Training Tutor

University of Tennessee School of Music, Knoxville, TN

August 2013-May 2014

Music Theory/Ear Training Assistant Instructor

Brigham Young University – Idaho School of Music, Rexburg, ID

September 2011-December 2012

- Led weekly group sessions of students for Music Theory/Ear Training semesters 1 and 3.
- Administered and graded all sight-singing tests.

Music Tutor

Brigham Young University – Idaho Academic Support Centers, Rexburg, ID

April 2011-December 2012

- Tutor for Basic Musicianship (theory/ear training fundamentals), music theory and ear training semesters 1-4, and Music 101 (Music and the Humanities).

Professional Performance Experience

Various Gigs – Knoxville, TN

Trombone

- *PBS Documentary, Oak Ridge Community Orchestra, UT Graduate Brass Quintet, UT Trombone Choir, various churches in Knoxville*

December 2013-April 2018

Idaho Falls Symphony Orchestra – Idaho Falls, ID

Second Trombone

September 2012-April 2013

Idaho Falls Youth Arts Center – Idaho Falls, ID **November 2010/2011/2012**
Trombone; Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Hairspray, The Wizard of Oz,

Teton Chamber Orchestra – Idaho Falls, ID **November 2010/May 2011**
Substitute trombone

Job Offers

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Music Theory/Ear Training **March 2013**
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Competitions/Auditions

Winner: Audition – Idaho Falls Symphony Orchestra **August 2012**
Accepted position of Second Trombone

3rd Place: MTNA Young Artist Performance Competition, Idaho **November 2011**
Performed Concertino by F. David

Scholarships

Band Scholarship **Spring 2014/Fall 2015**
University of Tennessee, School of Music; \$500 each semester

Brass Scholarship **2011-2013**
Brigham Young University – Idaho School of Music; \$2,496

Nield Scholarship **2012-2013**
Brigham Young University – Idaho Scholarship Application; \$1,000

Academic Scholarship **2010-2013**
Brigham Young University – Idaho; quarter tuition award for 6 semesters

Award of Excellence **2009-2010**
Brigham Young University – Idaho; quarter tuition award for 2 semesters

Moss Scholarship **2009-2010**
Brigham Young University – Idaho Scholarship Application; \$1,200

Music Scholarship **June 2009**
Foothill High School; \$500

Grants

Graduate Student Senate Travel Award **August 2014**
University of Tennessee – Knoxville; \$1,475

- Wrote successful grant for travel to the 2015 Exploring Brass in Greece conference (Thessaloniki, Greece)

Additional Information

Arranger/Transcriber for church choir with piano and chamber ensembles

Member of the International Trombone Association (ITA) and Pi Kappa Lambda (2015)

References:

Dr. Alex van Duuren	Assistant Professor of Trombone, UTK	aduuren@utk.edu
Dr. Barbara Murphy	Associate Professor of Music Theory, UTK	bmurphy@utk.edu
Dr. Bryce Mecham	Professor of Trombone, BYU-Idaho	mechamb@byui.edu
Dr. Brendan McConville	Associate Professor of Music Theory/Composition, UTK	bmconvi@utk.edu
Dr. Gary Sousa	Professor of Conducting, UTK	gsousa@utk.edu