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Education

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

Teaching Experience

- **Trombone Sectional Instructor:** Various J.H./H.S. in Utah County, 2018-present
- **Private Studio:** Smerdon Music Studios, 2013-present
 - Trombone, music theory, ear training, and piano students
- **Co-Director/Founder:** Knoxville Youth Trombone Choir, 2016-2018
- **Music Theory Instructor:** Various music studios in Knoxville, 2015-2018
- **Lecturer of Music Theory:** University of Tennessee, 2016-2017 academic year
- **Band Camp Instructor:** Various H.S. in Knoxville, TN, 2014-2016
- **Low Brass Sectional Instructor:** Various J.H./H.S. in Knoxville, TN, 2015-2016
- **Online Music Theory Instructor:** TakeLessons.com, 2016
- **Head Tutor – Music Theory/Ear Training:** University of Tennessee, 2014-2015
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** University of Tennessee, 2013-2015
- **Tutor – Music Theory/Ear Training:** University of Tennessee, 2013-2014
- **Music Theory/Ear Training Assistant Instructor:** BYU – Idaho, 2011-2012
- **Music Theory/Ear Training Tutor:** BYU – Idaho, 2011-2012

Performance Experience

- **Art City Brass Quintet:** Acting Trombonist; March 2019-present
- **Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra:** Principal Trombone; August 2018-present
- **Encore Big Band:** Lead and Third Trombone; Fall 2018
- **Various gigs in Knoxville, TN:** Trombonist; 2013-2018
- **Idaho Fall Symphony Orchestra:** Second Trombone; 2012-2013
- **Idaho Falls Youth Arts Center:** Trombone in pit for Fall musicals; 2010-2012
- **Teton Chamber Orchestra:** Substitute Trombone; 2010-2011
- **University Ensembles:**
 - **UTK:** Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Opera pit, Jazz Band, Trombone Choir, Studio Orchestra, Graduate Brass Quintet, Trombone Quartet, Pep Band.
 - **BYUI:** Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Band, Sinfonietta, Opera pit, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, Chamber Brass Choir, Brass Quintet, Brass Quartet, Trombone Quartet, Trombone Choir.

References

- **Dr. Alex van Duuren** - Assistant Professor of Trombone, UTK aduuren@utk.edu
- **Dr. Bryce Mecham** - Professor of Trombone, Dept. Chair of Music, BYU-Idaho mechamb@byui.edu
- **Dr. Will Kimball** - Professor of Trombone, BYU will_kimball@byu.edu
- **Dr. Barbara Murphy** - Associate Professor of Music Theory, UTK bmurphy@utk.edu
- **Dr. Brendan McConville** - Associate Professor of Music Theory/Composition, UTK bmconvi@utk.edu