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Education

- 2008 PhD, Ethnomusicology, Columbia University.
- 2003 MA, Musicology, Tulane University
- 1995 B.Music, Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University

Employment

- 2008-present Associate Professor of Music, Tulane University.
 Affiliated with Africana Studies.
- 1997-2003 Co-producer, *American Routes* public radio program, New Orleans, LA.

Books

- Remaking New Orleans: Beyond Exceptionalism and Authenticity.* With co-editor Thomas Adams. Durham: Duke University Press. (under contract.)
- 2015 *Keywords in Sound.* With co-editor David Novak. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2013 *Roll With It: Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans.* Durham: Duke University Press.

Articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2015 Music Lessons as Life Lessons in New Orleans Marching Bands. *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society* 17 (3-4): 279-302.
- Playing for Work: Music as a Form of Labor in New Orleans. *Oxford Handbooks Online.*
- 2011 New Orleans Music as a Circulatory System. *Black Music Research Journal* 31(2): 291-325.
- 2010 “Under the Bridge”: An Orientation to Soundscapes in New Orleans. *Ethnomusicology* 54(1):1-27.
- 2006 Resounding Silence in the Streets of a Musical City. *Space and Culture* 9(1):41-44.
- 2005 Disciplinary Movements, the Civil Rights Movement, and Charles Keil’s “Urban Blues.” *Current Musicology* 79-80:143-168.
- 2002 Indian Rulers: Mardi Gras Indians and New Orleans Funk. *The Jazz Archivist* 16:9-24.

Articles (other)

- 2015 Living in a Laboratory: New Orleans Today. *Books & Ideas*.
- 2013 “The Representational Power of the New Orleans Brass Band,” in *Brass Bands of the World: Militarism, Colonialism, and Local Music Making*, Suzel Reily and Kate Brucher, eds., pp.123-137. London: Ashgate.
- “New Orleans Music,” “New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians,” “Dirty Dozen Brass Band,” and “Olympia Brass Band,” In *The Grove Dictionary of American Music*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2012 Why Dey Had to Kill Him: The Life and Death of Shotgun Joe. *Oxford American* 79: 142-148.
- “New Orleans Exceptionalism in *The Neoliberal Deluge* and *Treme*,” Review Symposium: Privatization, Marketization, and Neoliberalism—The Political Dynamics of Post-Katrina New Orleans, *Perspectives on Politics* 10(3): 723-726.
- "New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians," In *The Continuum Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World, Volume 8: North American Genres*, John Shepherd and David Horn, eds. pp.319-22. London: Continuum.
- “Music Notes.” Quarterly column in *Louisiana Cultural Vistas*, 2012-present.
- 2011 “New Orleans, Louisiana, USA,” Critical Exchange on David Simon’s *Treme*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 10(3): 395-398.
- 2010 Forum: From the Street to the Stage. *Louisiana Cultural Vistas* 21(1): 96.
- Engaging New Orleans: Fostering Publics Within and Beyond the Meeting Hotels. *Anthropology News* 51(8):17. (Co-authored with Rachel Breunlin and Helen Regis.)
- 2008 New Orleans Keeps the Beat Alive. *Allegro* 108(4): 24-25.
- Ethnography-as-Media. *Society for Ethnomusicology Newsletter* 42(1): 9.
- Journalism: *Wax Poetics*, *Mojo*, *Cultural Vistas*, NPR’s *All Things Considered*, APM’s *American Routes*, WWOZ’s *Street Talk*

Reviews

- 2016 “Negotiating Difference in French Louisiana Music: Categories, Stereotypes, and Identifications, by Sara Le Menestrel” (review). *Ethnologie Française* 46(3): 565-66.
- 2013 “Bounce: Rap Music and Local Identity in New Orleans, by Matt Miller” (review). *African American Review* 46(1): 174-175.
- 2009 “Freedom Sounds: Civil Rights Call Out to Jazz and Africa, by Ingrid Monson” (review). *Notes: Journal of the Music Library Association* 65(4): 770-772.

Presentations

- 2016 “Inner Voices, Outer Sounds: Louis Armstrong’s Methods for Externalizing the Interior,”

Northwestern University's Sounding Spaces Workshop. (Invited.)

- 2015 "Instruments of Lament: Communicating without Words in the New Orleans Jazz Funeral," NYU Music Department's Colloquium and Events Series. (Invited.)
- "Instruments of Lament: Communicating without Words in the New Orleans Jazz Funeral," Brown University Department of Music Colloquium Series. (Invited.)
- "Instruments of Lament: Communicating without Words in the New Orleans Jazz Funeral," Boston University Musicology. (Invited.)
- "Keywords in Sound: A Roundtable Discussion" based on my book. Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities. (Invited.)
- "Mahalia's New Orleans" conference and performance. Tulane. (Organizer.)
- "Acoustic Instruments as Technologies of Amplification in the New Orleans Jazz Funeral." Organizer of panel "Loudness: Amping Up the Politics of Sound," American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2014 "Tradition in Motion: The New Orleans Brass Band," keynote address for the University of North Carolina's Southern Folklife Center 25th Anniversary Celebration. Chapel Hill, NC. (Invited.)
- "Instrumentality: Technologies of Voice in the New Orleans Brass Band," Columbia University Center for Ethnomusicology. (Invited.)
- "Instruments of Lament: Communicating without Words in the New Orleans Jazz Funeral," Bard College Sound and Affect lecture series. (Invited.)
- "Instrumentality: Technologies of Voice in the New Orleans Brass Band," University of California at Santa Barbara Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Music. (Invited.)
- "New Orleans Musicians as Service Workers," Society for Ethnomusicology, Pittsburgh, PA.
- "Discussion with the Hot 8 Brass Band," Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.
- "Rolling With It": Researching Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans, University of Oslo, Norway. (Invited.)
- "The New Orleans Brass Band and Old Technologies of Mobility." Organizer of panel "Old Mobilities," EMP Pop Conference, Seattle.
- 2013 "Instruments of the New Orleans Brass Band As Technologies of the Self." American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- "Música e Cultura: A Cena Musical e a Transmissão em New Orleans – pós-Katrina" Forum de Educação Musical de Bahia (FEMBA), University of Bahia, Brazil. (Invited.)

“Spoken, Sung, and Instrumental Voicings in the Church of the Living God.” Organizer of panel “Gospel Journeys: 21st Century Ethnomusicologies of Black American Religious Music.” Society for Ethnomusicology, Indianapolis, IN.

“Do Watcha Wanna?: Noise Ordinances and a Sound Future for New Orleans.” Organizer of panel, “Live Music and Noise Ordinances in Austin and New Orleans,” EMP Pop Conference, New Orleans.

“Improvising Music and Identity at Brass Band Parades in New Orleans’ Tremé Neighborhood.” Participant in special Program Committee seminar “Musical Improvisation and Identity,” Society for American Music, Little Rock, AR.

2012 “Voicing Black Religious Music,” Ohio State University “Musicology Lecture” series, co-sponsored by the Performance/Politics Working Group. (Invited.)

“Voicing Black Religious Music,” Louisiana State University “Music Forum” series. (Invited.)

“New Orleans Music Under Siege.” Organizer of roundtable, “New Orleanians Discuss Music and Their City’s Future,” Society for Ethnomusicology, New Orleans.

“The Jazz Funeral and the Death of Young Black Men in Contemporary New Orleans,” Fridays at Newcomb, Tulane University. (invited)

“The New Brass Bands,” New Orleans International Music Colloquium. (invited)

2011 “Music.” Organizer of panel “Music, Sound, Noise, Silence: Towards A Conceptual Lexicon,” Society for Ethnomusicology, Philadelphia.

“Music.” Organizer of panel “Towards a Conceptual Lexicon for Sound Studies,” American Anthropological Association, Montreal.

“Musical Formations: The Brass Band Parade and the Emergence of Jazz in New Orleans.” Organizer of panel “Reevaluating the Emergence of Jazz,” Rhythm Changes: Jazz and National Identities conference, Amsterdam.

“Musical Formations: The Brass Band Parade and the Emergence of Jazz in New Orleans.” Jazz et Europe conference, Paris. (invited)

“Where Culture Means Business: Musicians Playing for Work in New Orleans.” Presentation at workshop “Working in the Big Easy: The History and Politics of Labor in New Orleans, from Slavery to Post-Katrina,” Tulane University.

“Festival Culture in New Orleans: Always for Pleasure?,” Honors Colloquium on Happiness, Tulane University.

2010 “Instruments of Violence: Jazz Funerals and the Death of Young Black Men in New Orleans.” Chair of Panel “Musical Ethnographies of Contemporary New Orleans,” Society for Ethnomusicology, UCLA.

“Engaging New Orleans: Culture, Activism, and Infrastructure” (chair of roundtable), American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.

“The Circulation of Mardi Gras Indian Music in New Orleans.” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.

“Washed Away’: Narratives of Cultural Loss in Contemporary New Orleans,” International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM-US), Loyola University, New Orleans.

“Endings: Jazz Funerals and the Death of Young Black Men in New Orleans,” American Culture Faculty Seminar, Tulane University. (invited)

“The Circulation of Mardi Gras Indian Music in New Orleans,” Association for Recorded Sound Collections (ARSC), New Orleans.

2009 “Instruments of Violence: Brass Bands, Jazz Funerals, and the Death of Young Black Men,” Center for Research in Festive Culture seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. (invited)

“The Current State of Music in New Orleans,” Music Library Association, joint meeting of the Southeast and Texas Chapters, New Orleans. (invited)

“The Making of the New Orleans Brass Band,” Louisiana State Museum, New Orleans. (invited)

“Performing the Nation: Marvin Gaye, Jimi Hendrix, and the ‘Star Spangled Banner,’” Butler House, Tulane University. (invited)

2008 “A Sound-Body Politic: Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans.” Organizer of Panel, “Public Spaces, Public Sounds,” American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA.

“Representing Race and Place Through the New Orleans Brass Band,” Cultures of Rebuilding Conference, University of New Orleans.

“Public Spaces, Public Sounds: Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans,” Tulane University Anthropology Union. (invited)

“The New Orleans Brass Band and the Accumulation of Authenticity,” Society for Ethnomusicology, Wesleyan University.

“Public Spaces, Public Sounds: Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans,” Rhythmic Rituals Conference, Louisiana State University.

2007 “A Sound-Body Politic: Making Claims on Public Space Through Sound.” Organizer of Panel, “Who’s Listening? The Politics of Aurality in Urban Spaces.” Society for Ethnomusicology, Columbus, OH.

Organizer of Plenary Session, “Local Knowledge: New Orleans Artists and Activists Reflect on the State of the City After Katrina.” Society for the Anthropology of North America, New Orleans, LA.

- 2006 “Instruments of Power: Brass Bands in the Streets of New Orleans.” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA.
- 2005 “New Orleans Culture in Crisis,” Society for Ethnomusicology, Atlanta, GA.
- “Twenty-four Hours In A Cultural Response to Crisis.” Critical Soundscapes, Department of Music Colloquium Series, New York University. (invited)
- “Ambassadors of Authenticity: African Vocalists in American Afrobeat.” Culture Lines: Emerging Research on Ethno-Racial Boundaries, Harvard University.
- “American Afrobeat: Transnational, Intercultural, and Multiracial.” Music, Performance and Racial Imaginations, New York University.
- 2004 “Indian Rulers: Mardi Gras Indian Music as New Orleans Popular Music.” Caribbean Soundscapes, Tulane University.

Courses Taught

MUSC-1410	History of European Music to 1800
MUSC-1890	New Orleans Music
MUSC-3440	Black Music, Black Lives
MUSC-3450	Music and Politics
MUSC-7030	Introduction to Graduate Studies
MUSC-7060	Introduction to New Orleans Music and Resources

Master Teacher for Gilder Lehrman Institute seminar “New Orleans, Jazz, and the American Public Sphere,” summer 2012.

University Service

- Chair of Nominating Committee, 2014-present.
- Music Department search committee, tenure-track Musicology, 2015-2016.
- Organizer of campus conference and performance “Mahalia’s New Orleans,” March 7, 2015.
- Music Department search committee, PoP in Jazz Studies, 2014-2015.
- Co-organizer of campus conference, “New Orleans As Subject: Beyond Exceptionalism and Authenticity,” with 16 participants and keynote by Adolph Reed, September 18-20, 2014.
- Nominating Committee member, 2013-2014.
- Music Department search committee, tenure-track Musicology, 2013-2014.
- Music Department search committee, Jazz PoP, Spring 2013.
- Music Rising, since Spring 2011.
- Director of Graduate Studies, Music Department, since Spring 2012.
- Music Department Strategic Planning Committee, Summer 2011-2012.
- New Orleans Gulf South Center planning committee, “Engagement” subcommittee, Fall 2009-2010.
- Director of Graduate Studies for Tulane’s MA in Musicology program, since Fall 2008.
- Music Department search committee Chair, Jazz Artist in residence, Spring 2011.
- Music Department search committee, orchestra director, Fall 2009. (cancelled)
- City, Culture, Community PhD program proposal committee, Fall 2008.

Research Support

- New Orleans Center for Gulf South Studies, Monroe Fellowship, 2013.
- Tulane Center for Scholars Subvention Grant, 2012.
- Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) fellowship, 2011-2012.
- Fellowship for the Study of the Global South, Tulane University, 2010.
- Tulane University Committee on Research Summer Research Fellowship, 2009.
- Giles Whiting Foundation dissertation writing fellowship, 2007-2008.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant in Cultural Anthropology, 2006-2007.

Honors and Awards

- Barbara E. Moely Service Learning Teaching Award, 2014.
- Popular Music Section of the Society for Ethnomusicology's Richard Waterman Prize for the best article by a junior scholar in the ethnomusicological study of popular music, 2011.
- Society for Ethnomusicology's Charles Seeger Prize for the most distinguished student paper presented at the previous year's conference, 2008.

Other Service

- Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches (HDR) committee member for Dr. Sara Le Menestrel, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, 2015.
- Board of Directors, Roots of Music, since 2015.
- Board of Directors, Music and Culture Coalition of New Orleans (MaCCNO), 2014-2016.
- Local arrangements committee for the Society for Ethnomusicology meeting in New Orleans, 2012.
- "Engaging New Orleans" committee for the American Anthropological Association meeting in New Orleans, 2010.
- Local arrangements committee for the IASPM-US meeting in New Orleans, 2010.
- Board of Directors, Dinerral Shavers Education Fund, since 2009.
- Book Committee, *Beyond the Bricks*, Neighborhood Story Project, 2009.
- Committee member, Society for Ethnomusicology's 2009 Charles Seeger Prize.
- Public programming: New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Neighborhood Story Project, Young Leadership Council, etc.