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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Florida State University, College of Fine Arts Tallahassee, FL
Doctor of Philosophy, Art Education, Arts Administration emphasis In-Progress (ABD)
Dissertation: *How Can I Keep from Singing? Choral Organizational Resilience through the COVID-19 Pandemic*
Supervisor: Dr. Patricia Villeneuve

Florida State University, College of Music Tallahassee, FL
Master of Arts, Arts Administration 2020

Westminster Choir College of Rider University Princeton, NJ
Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance 2017
Summa cum laude

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Florida State University, College of Education Tallahassee, FL
Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation 2023

Chorus America Online/Washington, D.C.
Chorus Management Institute Certificate 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
Adjunct Professor, College of Music 2023 - Present

- Instructor of Record and curriculum designer for Introduction to Arts Administration (MUM 5805), a graduate course of approximately 20 students enrolled in the MA Arts Administration or Doctoral Specialization in Arts Administration programs

Adjunct Professor, College of Fine Arts

- Instructor of Record and curriculum designer for Introduction to Arts Administration (ARE 4932), teaching both in-person and online sections
- Designed and implemented arts administration curriculum, culminating in a final project in which students create their own nonprofit arts organization

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Art Education 2022 –2023

- Instructor of Record for Introduction to Arts Administration (ARE 4932), a class of approximately 20 undergraduate, mixed-major students per semester

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Tallahassee Community Chorus

Tallahassee, FL
2019 – Present

Executive Director

- Lead all initiatives in fundraising, audience development, marketing, membership engagement, logistics, and ADEI
- Prepare all grant applications and other funding proposals
 - Awarded over \$100,000 in local, state, and foundation grant funds since 2019
- Administer patron, donor, and singer management CRMs
- Supervise and mentor graduate and undergraduate student interns
- Liaison with local business sector, solicit community partners, and facilitate community engagement initiatives

Association of Arts Administration Educators (AAAE)

Remote

Technical Consultant

2023 – Present

- Program Director for the Arts Administrators Pipeline Fellowship funded by the California Arts Council. This \$1+ million grant program partners emerging arts administrators with arts and cultural organizations throughout the State of California for a 12-month fellowship.
- Liaison with arts management faculty and leaders across the globe as reviewers for the grant program

Chorus Management Consultant

2021 – Present

- Consult with nonprofit choral organizations across the United States on all areas of chorus management, including fund development, marketing, board relations, audience development, and staff management
- Clients include the Trenton, NJ-based Lotus Project and the FL-based Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers

Florida State University, Undergraduate Admissions, Special Programs

Tallahassee, FL
2020 - 2021

Enrollment Management Specialist

- Responsible for the application management functions of various college application systems (Slate, Coalition, and Common Applications) within the Office of Admissions
- Reconciled data to improve user experience with the different application systems
- Acted as liaison for University Special Programs: Music, Dance, Theatre, Studio Art, and Film

Florida State University, College of Music

Tallahassee, FL
2018 – 2020

Graduate Assistant in Music Admissions

- Corresponded with prospective students and families during the application and audition process
- Scheduled and facilitated audition weekends with College of Music faculty
- Led recruitment initiatives and events
- Provided informational tours of College of Music Facilities to prospective students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Interests

- Choral music administration in the United States
- Arts and cultural nonprofit organizational resilience
- Pragmatic and progressive arts administration curricula

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Art Education

2021 – 2022

- Assisted faculty members in Arts Administration with research projects and general program management

PUBLICATIONS

Hardin Kurza, M. (2024). *Applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to arts management curriculum*. American Journal of Arts Management.

Kurza, A. & Hardin Kurza, M. (Accepted, expected 2026). Disrupting hegemonic masculine ideology and behavior through motivational coaching techniques. In C. Beatty & J. Allen (Eds.), *Reimagining masculinity for leadership training*. Information Age Publishing.

PRESENTATIONS

Hardin Kurza, M. & Helleckson, S. (Presented 2024, June). *Promoting socioeconomic equity in choral practice and performance*. Chorus America Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Hardin Kurza, M. (Presented 2024, May). Applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to arts management curriculum. In *How we Teach, how we learn: The PhD experience as a pedagogical pathway*. 20th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Champaign, IL.

Hardin Kurza, M., Usewicz, C., & Jacobs, A. (Presented 2024, May). A Palette of Methodologies: Exploring our Teaching in Arts Education. In *How we Teach, how we learn: The PhD experience as a pedagogical pathway*. 20th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Champaign, IL.

Hardin Kurza, M. (Presented 2024, February). *Applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to arts management curriculum*. Southeastern Arts Leadership Educators Conference. Charleston, SC..

Hardin Kurza, M. (Presented 2023, February). *How we weather the storm: A choral social justice project*. Arts and Education in Social Justice Symposium. Tallahassee, FL.

Hardin Kurza, M. & Do, C. (Presented 2021, June). *What's so special about special programs? Integrating admissions processes for limited access programs*. Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Online.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Arts Administration Educators (AAAAE)

Southeastern Arts Leadership Educators (SALE)

Chorus America

Omicron Delta Kappa

Sigma Alpha Iota

ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Choir Member, Select Major Works and Performances

Arvo Pärt <i>Kanon Pokajanen</i>	James Jordan	Williamson Voices	Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC
Beethoven <i>9th Symphony</i>	Sir Simon Rattle	Berlin Philharmonic	Carnegie Hall
	Alan Gilbert	New York Philharmonic	Lincoln Center
	Jacques Lacombe	New Jersey Symphony Orchestra	NJPAC
Mozart <i>C Minor Mass</i>	Yannick Nézet-Séguin	Philadelphia Orchestra	Kimmel Center
Mahler <i>8th Symphony</i>	Yannick Nézet-Séguin	Philadelphia Orchestra	Kimmel Center
Ravel <i>Daphnis e Chloé</i>	Yannick Nézet-Séguin	Philadelphia Orchestra	Kimmel Center Carnegie Hall
Britten <i>War Requiem</i>	Charles Dutoit	Philadelphia Orchestra	Kimmel Center
Rachmaninoff <i>Vespers</i>	Joseph Miller	Westminster Symphonic Choir	Church of St. Paul the Apostle, NYC

Choir Member, Choral Albums

<i>Hole in the Sky</i> (2016)	Williamson Voices	GIA Publications
<i>Carolae: Music for Christmas</i> (2016)	Williamson Voices	Naxos Records
<i>Silence into Light</i> (2018)	Williamson Voices	GIA Publications

Choir Member, Invited Performances

Florida State University Chamber Choir, Directed by Michael Hanawalt (2024, February 21-24).
American Choral Directors Association Southern Region Conference, Louisville, KY,
United States.

The Tallahassee Community Chorus, Directed by André Thomas (2019, February 27-March 2).
American Choral Directors Association National Conference, Kansas City, MO, United
States.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Marylou Kuhn and Ernestine Kuhn Scholarship, Florida State University
- 2024 College of Fine Arts Student Research and Career Preparation Award
- 2023-2024 Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University
- 2017 The President's Award, Westminster Choir College of Rider University
- 2017 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award