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Professional Experience

2021

- Acted as faculty advisor to student-run exhibition - "My Dreams These Days" - featuring over 135 media works by SAIC and non-SAIC students, helping with vision, logistics, planning, and execution
- Performed "Dear Steve . . . it's Allie" at The Old Town Art Fair, Chicago, IL
- Re-elected PT Faculty Senator
- Participated in Long Range Planning Working Group - *Reimagining Space*
- Continued the work of *AH! TLC* - The Ad Hoc Teaching and Learning Community
- Participated in the Faculty Business Senate's Climate Committee
- Participated in the Faculty Business Senate's Curriculum Committee

2020

- Performed "Dear Steve . . . it's Allie" at The Firefly / Ft Wayne, IN
- Elected Co-Chair Board of Directors, The [Youth Empowerment Performance Project](#)
- Participated in Remote Learning Working Group - *adapting to online learning*
- Initiated and founded *AH! TLC* - The Ad Hoc Teaching and Learning Community
- Initiated and directed *Faculty Pedagogical Conversations: A faculty-led initiative aimed at responding to the move to online learning*
- Participated in the Faculty Business Senate's Climate Committee
- Participated in the Faculty Business Senate's Curriculum Committee
- Served on the Anti-Racism Committee's Communications Sub-Group

2019

- Elected Part Time Faculty Senator at The School the Art Institute of Chicago
- Promoted to Associate Professor Adjunct at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Participated in the Faculty Business Senate's Climate Committee
- Participated in the Faculty Business Senate's Curriculum Committee
- Participated in the LGBTQ Intergenerational Dialogues

2018

- Part of presenting faculty panel: "Citizenship as Belonging: Safe Spaces and Inclusion in the Classroom" AICAD Symposium 2018
- featured in Invisibilia's "[Everything Good](#)"
- featured in StoryCorps' "[Allie n Steve](#)"
- released "[Inflection Point](#)" on the Gumbo Contrarians Podcast
- joined Board of Directors, The [Youth Empowerment Performance Project](#)
- joined Advisory Board, [OpenTV](#)
- Awarded SAIC Compassion and Belonging Grant
- Part of SAIC Strategic Planning Committee on Value and Affordability
- *Third Coast Audio Awards*, House Band (Gumbo Contrarians)
- Spoke to students at Francis Parker School as part of *Creating Alliances Workshop*

- "Betrayal to Barcelona" - part of Astrid, a wise-cracking, gender-mobile Greek Chorus
- "Trans Scripts" - played Violet, in the first all-trans cast theater performance in Chicago

2017

- Promoted to Adjunct Assistant Professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Awarded SAIC Diversity Infusion Grant
- Part of presenting faculty panel — "Academic Freedom, Micro-aggressions, Safe Spaces, & Trigger Warnings" — SAIC
- Part of SAIC Strategic Planning Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
- Faculty Advisor for 'SAIC Music Collaborators'
- Producer and performer at [The Chicago Home Theater Festival](#)

2016

- Facilitator and host for The Chicago Home Theater Festival
- Provided thematic and walkup music for The Trans100 Awards
- Faculty Advisor for SAIC's 'League of Extraordinary Genders'
- Advisory Board for [America In Transition](#)

2015

- Part of presenting faculty panel — "Moments of Inclusion Workshop" — SAIC
- Public lecture as part of SAIC Intersectionality Month — ["The Enduring Legacy of the Blackface Minstrel Show"](#)
- Part of SAIC Multi-Cultural Affairs Committee
- Provided thematic and walkup music for The Trans100 Awards

2017 - present

Founding member of the *Gumbo Contrarians*

2004 - present

Owner / Composer / Arranger / Producer — *WalkWest Productions, LLC*
- scored over 100 films for TV, radio, screen & web

2004 - present

Lecturer / Adjunct Assistant Professor - *School of the Art Institute of Chicago*

- Digital Sound	Art & Technology Studies
- Sound and Image	Film, Video, & New Media
- America's Musical Roots	Humanities / Liberal Arts
- Western Music IV - 1950 - present	Humanities / Liberal Arts
- Graduate Projects Advisor	ATS Graduate Studies
- The History of Jazz	Humanities / Liberal Arts
- The Minimalist Revolution	Humanities / Liberal Arts

1992-2004

Lead Composer & Arranger — *Steve Ford Music*
- composed & produced over 500 TV & Radio Commercials
Steve Ford Music
506 North Clark — Chicago, IL 60610

1990-2003

Composer / Arranger / Producer / Singer / Songwriter
- composed, performed and sang on over 500 national commercials

1982-1992

Singer / Songwriter / Performer

- Composed songs, recorded, performed and toured nationally
- Co-wrote #3 hit on Billboard Hot 100 charts
- Performed with: *Suzanne Vega, Bonnie Raitt, Shawn Colvin, Kenny Loggins, Donovan, World Party, NRBQ, Warren Zevon,*
- Recorded for Atlantic Records with Peter Wolf
- Published with Warner/Chappell Music

1992 - 2003

Composer / Arranger / Producer / Singer / Songwriter

•**Commercial Advertising Clients** — 500+ National Commercials

Allstate, American Airlines, Amoco, Aquafina, Beef Council, Budweiser, Busch, Cheer, Cingular, Coors, Corona, Dean Witter, Discovery Channel, Disney, Disney Cruise Lines, Dow Chemical, Edge, Exxon, Glade, GTE, Hallmark, JCPenney, Kraft, McDonalds, Oldsmobile, Philip Morris, Pledge, Pontiac, Proctor & Gamble, Red Lobster, Reebok, Sara Lee, SBC Ameritech, SCJohnson, Sears, Shout, Skittles, State Farm, Suave, Subway, Tampax, Wheaties, Windex, Wrigley's, etc.

2004 - present **WalkWest Productions** — Composer / Arranger / Producer / Performer

•**Music for Television**

A&E

“The First 48 / Missing Persons”

Season 1

Episode 00	“The Good Student / Lady On a Bridge”
Episode 01	“Tangled Web / Street Justice”
Episode 02	“Taken / Scorcher”
Episode 03	“Critical Care”
Episode 04	“Worried Sick / Silent Night”
Episode 05	“Somebody Knows / Mother’s Day”
Episode 06	“The Graduate”

Season 2

Episode 07	“A History of Violence”
Episode 08	“Desperate Measures/The Big City”
Episode 09	“In the Wind”
Episode 10	“Deleted / Cruel Streets”

Season 3

Episode 11	“The Good Mother”
Episode 12	“Family Matters”
Episode 13	“3:10 to Yuma / Harm’s Way”
Episode 14	“Lost Anniversary / Checked Out”

“American Justice”

AJ237	“Merry Pease”
AJ254	“The Brothers Kimble”
AJ249	“Michael Peterson”

Animal Planet

“Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom”

Music Theme & bumpers

“Animal Witness”

ANW 106	“Life, Limb & Feather”
ANW 110	“Bugs in my Alibi”
ANW 113	“Little Girl Lost”
ANW 116	“San Francisco Dog Mauling”

History Channel

“Gangland”

GAN100 "Aryan Brotherhood"
GAN101 "American Gangster"
GAN108 "Hate Nation"
GAN204 "The Texas Syndicate"

"Decoding the Past"

THC019 "Secrets of the Qur'an" Part 1
THC020 "Secrets of the Qur'an" Part 2
THC042 "Strange Ancient Egypt"

Biography Network

"Mob Series"

Mob 102 "Murder, Inc"
Mob 104 "Paul Castellanos"
Mob 106 "Carlos Marcello"
Mob 107 "Santo Trafficante"
Mob 110 "Roy DeMeo"
Mob 112 "Mob Ladies"

"Biographies"

Bio 009 "The Boston Strangler"
Bio 062 "House of Versace"
Bio 076 "The Perdue Chicken Family"
Bio 079 "Ben & Jerry's"
Bio 080 "Ron Popeil"
Bio 085 "Katharine Hepburn"
Bio 090 "Crucibles of Courage"
Bio 094 "Donald Trump"
Bio 095 "Anatoly Onoprienko"

NatGeo

"Witness Disaster"

"Witness Tsunami - Disaster in Japan"

National Geographic Network

"Undercover Series"

UND105 "Operation Green Ice: Heidi Landgraf"
UND108 "Operation Harvest King: Mark Whitacre"
UND111 "Operation: Bill Randall"

"The Final Report"

TFR204 "Iran Hostage Crisis"
TFR301 "TWA Flight 800"
TFR303 "Exxon Valdez"
TFR305 "Attica Prison Riot"

CNBC

"American Greed"

AG 53 "Major League Fraud"
AG 54 "Baby Broker Scam"
AG 63 "Mormon Madoff"
AG 66 "The Jersey Score"
AG 68 "Learn Waterhouse"
AG 70 "Perry Griggs"
AG 76 "Trevor Cook"
AG 82 "Young Lust Goes Bust"
AG 89 "Mack Parker"
AG 92 "

"American Greed - The Fugitives"

AGTF 3 "Craig Oliver -and- Odoua Okuomose"
AGTF 5 "Niesha Jackson -and- James Eberhart"
AGTF 10 "Aubrey Price & Sam Jain"

"Crime Investigations"

CI 6 "A Deadly High (Synthetic Drugs)"
CI 7 "High End Auto Theft"
CI 8 "Synthetic Drugs"
CI 11 "Corporate/ Espionage"
CI 12 "Art Theft"

Outdoor Life Network

"Outdoor Investigations"

OI002 "Missing Salmon"
OI003 "El Capitan"
OI004 "National Parks"

Tru TV

GRA000 "Grave Justice"

MSNBC

Run001 "Runaways / Chicago"

WTTW - National Public Television

"Chicago's Loop - A New Walking Tour - with Geoffrey Baer"
"Ten Building that Changed America - with Geoffrey Baer"
"Chicago Time Machine - with Geoffrey Baer"

"Ten That Changed America - with Geoffrey Baer" — 6 part series

"Ten Homes That Changed America"
"Ten Parks That Changed America"
"Ten Towns That Changed America"
"Ten Monuments That Changed America"
"Ten Streets That Changed America"
"Ten Marvels That Changed America"

"Chicago Stories"

"The Great Chicago Fire"
"Ida B. Wells"

•*Music for the Web*

WTTW online

"Firsthand - Gun Violence"

"Julie"
"India"
"Noemi"
"JSAron"
"Reality"

"Firsthand - Coronavirus"

"Dameka Edwards Hart and Ashley Edwards"
"Che Chapple"

"Jennifer Schaff"
"Will Duncan"
"Theaster Gates"
"Sherry Boswell"
"Nancy Arcadio"
"Lori Cannon"
"Eric Kwok"
"Michelle Garcia"
"Sammy Dattulo"
"Falguni Dave"
"Fr Stephen Kanonik"
"Tina Renaldi"
"Jahmal Cole"

["Firsthand - Living In Poverty"](#)

"Andino"
"Patricia"
"Dominetrius"
"Melissa"
"Gary"

Urban Nature — 25 part series

2018-19

"Foraging"
"Bats"
"Hornsby Bend"
"Invasive Species"
"Turkey Point"
"Cabbage White Butterflies"
"Health Benefits"
"Salamanders"
"Sea Level Rise"

2016-17

"North Brother"
"Redwood Forest"
"Presidio"
"Jamaica Bay"
"Daylighting"
"Central Park"
"Marine Mammals"
"Green Roofs"
"Vacant Lots"
"Green Connections"
"Coyotes"
"Bird Migration"
"Monarchs"
"Bronx River"
"Squirrels"
"Calumet"

"EatsSide" — 13 part series

2015

"Bop 'n Grill"
"Birriera Zaragoza"
"Bob Chinn"
"Devon"
"Maracas"
"Elizabeth"
"Bridgeport"
"Baker Miller"
"Sloaves"

"Milt's"
"Scofflaw"
"Tamale Spaceship"
"Aruns"

"FoodPhiles"

Yahoo / The Onion

"The Extremely Accurate History of the Internet"

Episode 01	"Humanity's Terrible Past"
Episode 02	"Computers - The Thing You Need to Make the Internet"
Episode 03	"The Roaring 90's: Tech Stocks Gone Wild"
Episode 04	"Y2K: A Civilization Reduced to Ashes"
Episode 05	"Social Networks: Better Than Real Friends"
Episode 06	"Interactivity: Joining the Hitler Conversation"
Episode 07	"Mobile Phones: Bricks of Enlightenment"
Episode 08	"Interneting the Future"

Mike's Hard Lemonade / The Onion

"Cat Selfie" •

Corporate Films

Art Institute of Chicago
Jewish United Fund
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
NRDC "Voices of the West"

•Independent Films

"Wild Horse, Wild Ride"	feature documentary
"Aura, IL"	feature documentary

"The Catholicism Project"

Episode 1 "Amazed & Afraid"
Episode 2 "The Teachings of Jesus"
Episode 3 "The Ineffable Mystery of God"
Episode 4 "Mary, The Mother of God"
Episode 5 "Peter, Paul, & the Missionary Adventure"
Episode 6 "The Mystical Union of Christ & the Church"
Episode 7 "The Mystery of the Church's Sacrament and Worship"
Episode 8 "The Communion of Saints"
Episode 9 "Prayer and the Life of the Spirit"
Episode 10 "The Last Things"

"The New Evangelization"

"Pivotal Players"

Episode 1 "St Thomas Aquinas"
Episode 2 "St Catherine of Siena"
Episode 3 "GK Chesterton"
Episode 4 "Bl. Henry Newman"
Episode 5 "St Francis of Assisi"
Episode 6 "Michelangelo"
Episode 7 "St Benedict"
Episode 8 "St Augustine"

•Documentary Films

"In Our Own Hands" The Story of the Jewish Brigade
"Is Jerusalem Burning?" The Battle of Latrun
"Prairie Tides" The Story of the I&M Canal
"Two Centuries of Concord & Conflict" The American Flag

•Radio

Wisconsin Public Radio - "**To The Best Of Our Knowledge**"
'TTBOOK Series Theme & Bumpers' — 2013-present
"Boots On The Ground"
"Democracy - A Short History of a Big Idea"
"Meet Your Mind: A User's Guide to the New Science of Consciousness"

•Audio Recordings

"Walk West" 1990

"Walk West"
"Can't Go Home Again"
"Everytime I Think Of You"
"Break These Chains"
"Marion County"
"Master of the Game"
"Better Off Lonely"
"It's All Because of You"
"End of the Parade"

"A Yankee Clipper in Congo Square" 2010

"Which Side ?"
"What Is - The Soul of a Man"
"Margaret's Voice"
"Troubled, South of Memphis, 3:00 A.M."
"Blow, Boys, Blow"
"Going Over Home"
"Sealion Woman, Sealion"
"City Called Heaven"
"Parchman, 1939"

"Catholicism" — Original Series Soundtrack 2012

"Opening Credits"
"The Mystery Of God"
"Mary, Handmaid & Mother"
"Christ As Warrior & Child"
"The Beatific Vision"
"The Sainte-Chapelle"
"Veritable Despair"
"The Poor In Spirit"
"Amazed & Afraid"
"The Site of the Holy Sepulchre"
"The Site of the Resurrection"
"Participation In Christ"
"Dante's Hell & Lough Derg"
"Epilogue"

Education

1980-83 BM in Piano Performance / Northern Illinois University
1976-78 Jazz Studies / Arizona State University

Reel:

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