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EDUCATION

2023- expected 2025 **Master of Music in Organ Performance**

Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

Primary study - Joby Bell

2019-2023 **Bachelor of Arts in Music, *summa cum laude***

Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.

Primary study - Cynthia L. DeFoor and Keith DeFoor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 - Present

Organist/Music Director

Mountainside Lutheran Church, Linville, N.C.

- Facilitates all aspects of music in worship service
- Director of children's choir

2021-2023

Organist/Music Director

Episcopal Church of the Messiah, Murphy, N.C.

- Facilitated all aspects of music in worship service
- Directed chancel choir

2015-2019

Pianist

Marble Springs Baptist Church, Marble, N.C.

- Played under the direction of the music director
- Accompanied all choirs, ensembles and soloists
- Member of praise team and praise band

2019 - Present

Substitute Organist and Pianist

- Plays in a myriad of Faith traditions - including Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, and Catholic
- Familiar with liturgy, hymns, and music styles of numerous denominations and worship traditions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 - Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

- Collaborates on piano and organ with ensembles and solo instrumentalists/vocalists
- Teaches group piano class
- Teaches secondary organ lessons
- Tutors piano

2023 - Present

Private Organ Instructor

Boone, N.C.

- Teaches young adults beginner-intermediate organ lessons
- Provides students an historically-informed pedagogy
- Teaches students hymn-playing, organ console, and practice techniques

2019 - 2023

Student Collaborative Pianist

Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.

- Collaborated with ensembles and solo instrumentalists/vocalists
- Collaborated in concerts, lessons, and juries

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Sept 2024

Organ Recitalist

Richlands Presbyterian Church, Richlands, V.A.

March 2022

Principal Organist

Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.

- Performed *Requiem for the Living* with full choir and orchestra

Sept 2021

Organist

Episcopal Church of the Messiah, Murphy, N.C.

- Played for Holy Eucharist with Bishops The Rt. Rev. José McLaughlin and The Rev. Dr. Timothy Smith presiding

March 2020

Piano Recitalist*

Brasstown Concert Association, Brasstown, N.C.

**canceled two days prior due to Covid-19*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2024 - Present

North Carolina Music Teachers Association

Member

2024 - Present

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

	Member
2023 - Present	Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
	Initiated Member
2023 - Present	Society of Women Organists
	Member
2022 - Present	Georgia Music Teachers Association
	Member
2022 - Present	Music Teachers National Association
	Member
2022 - Present	Alpha Chi Honor Society
	Initiated Member
2021 - Present	American Guild of Organists
	Member
2021 - 2022	Georgia Music Educators Association
	Member
2021 - 2022	National Association for Music Education
	Member
2020 - 2023	Mu Phi Epsilon Co-Ed Music Fraternity - Zeta Kappa Chapter
	Initiated Member; President '20-22; Vice President '22-23

MASTERCLASSES/PRESENTATIONS

Oct 2023	Organ Masterclass with Charles Tompkins - participant <i>Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.</i>
April 2023	Undergraduate Research Day - presenter <i>Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented Honors Thesis - "Colors of the Year: The Fusion of Performing, Visual, and Literary Art in Fanny Mendelssohn's <i>Das Jahr</i>"
Feb 2022	Piano Masterclass with Joshua Pifer - performer <i>Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.</i>
Feb 2020	Piano Masterclass with Jerico Jasquez - performer <i>Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.</i>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Aug 2024	"Pedals, Pipes, and Pistons, Oh My!" <i>Mountainside Lutheran Church - Linville, N.C.</i>
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- Facilitated organ performance and interactive workshop for young people ages 2-16 years old
- Demonstrated manuals, pedals, and pistons
- Taught a song and motions to perform

March 2024

“Spring Fever: An Evening of Jazz Standards ”

Appalachian State University- Boone, N.C.

- Benefit concert to raise money and canned food items for Mountaineer Food Hub - a local food pantry
- Presented by the Master of Music students in the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2024 - 2025

Rodney Ward Memorial Organ Scholarship, recipient

Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

- Awarded annually to one organ student at Appalachian State University

2023

Mary Mildred Sullivan Award, recipient

Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.

- A national service award presented annually to a graduating student across more than 70 universities and colleges in the United States

2021-2022

Ronnie Milsap Music Scholarship, recipient

Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.

- Awarded annually to one music student at Young Harris College

2020-2022

Edwin Gerschefski Piano Scholarship, recipient

Young Harris College, Young Harris, G.A.

- Awarded annually to one piano student at Young Harris College

2019

Western North Carolina Regionals Award, recipient

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Asheville, N.C.

- Awarded annually to one graduating senior across eighteen westernmost counties in North Carolina