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### **Education**

#### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in Piano Performance and Literature  
(Minor: Music theory, Piano Pedagogy)  
(on hold)

#### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Master of Music in Vocal Coaching and Accompanying  
(on hold)

#### **San Francisco Conservatory of Music**

Professional Studies Diploma in Early Historical Keyboards (Fortepiano)  
Professional Studies Diploma in Piano Performance  
Master of Music in Piano Performance

#### **The Korean National University of Arts, School of Music**

Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance  
(Minor in Voice)

### **Current Activities**

#### **Jefferson College**

Adjunct Instructor and Collaborative Pianist  
Provide weekly lessons and teach Class Piano for non-keyboard music majors. Rehearse and perform for students' juries, concerts, and faculty recitals

#### **Webster University, Community Music School**

Adjunct Instructor  
Provide weekly piano lessons. Prepare students for competitions, auditions, and recitals

#### **St. Louis Community College**

Collaborative Pianist  
Play for choir rehearsals and concerts

#### **Saint Louis Area Music Teachers Association**

President  
Work with chairs to organize and run various programs for teachers and student activities

**World Piano Teachers Association, USA-Missouri**

<http://www.wptausamissouri.com>

President & Artistic Director

Organize concerts and recruit performers for concerts, invite master teachers and have auditions for students to select performers for master classes, and organize Amateur Piano Competition

**Current  
Performance  
Engagements**

Entire Brahms Violin Sonatas – April 2022

Schubertiade Concert – Summer 2022

Franck's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert – December 2022

**Competitions**

World Classical Music Competition – 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize

The Liszt-Garrison Festival and International Piano Competition – Finalist

University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition – Winner

Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Piano Concerto Competition - Finalist

San Francisco Conservatory of Music Concerto Competition – Finalist

Chosun Daily News Co. Piano Competition, Seoul, Korea – First Prize

Seoul Young Artist Chamber Music Competition, Seoul, Korea – First Prize

Choonchoo Music Magazine Piano Competition, Seoul, Korea – Second Prize

Korea Daily News Co. Piano Competition, Seoul, Korea – Third Prize

Music Monthly Magazine Piano Competition, Seoul, Korea – Third Prize

The National Students Piano Competition, Seoul, Korea – First Prize

Yookyoung Piano Competition, Seoul, Korea – Third Prize

**Awards**

**World Classical Music Award – 2017**

Excellence in piano performance

**Marina Grin Award** - San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 2006

Rewarding excellence in both artistic and academic achievements

**Publications**

**The Korean Association of Piano Pedagogy, 2021**

“A Method to Improve Technical Achievements”

**Music Teachers National Association National Conference, 2019**

“Conventional Piano Keyboard vs. Alternatively Sized Piano Keyboards: A Case Study of Hand Span and Advanced Repertoire”

**Performance  
Experiences**

Entire Mozart Piano Sonatas Series, 2021 (performed at 1 concert)

Lodi Luka & Luca Moscardi's Living Composers' Series, 2021

Memorial Concert for Atlanta Shooting Victims, 2021

Entire Chopin Ballads & Scherzos, 2021(performed at 1 concert)

Entire Beethoven Piano Sonatas Series, 2020 (performed at 2 concerts)

Guest Artist concert at University of Illinois, Springfield, 2020

Ariel Concert Series – Piano Recital, 2019

CMS Webster University Faculty Recital, 2019  
 Guest Artist Recital at Saint Louis University, 2019  
 Guest Artist Recital at Blackburn College, 2019  
 Music Faculty Recital at Jefferson College, 2019  
 Soloist with the Korea Soloist Orchestra, 2018  
 CMS Webster University Faculty Showcase Concert, 2018  
 Carnegie Hall in New York City Debut Recital, 2017  
 CMS Webster University Faculty Duo Concert, 2015  
 Young Artist Concert at the Amalfi Coast Music & Arts Festival, Italy, 2013  
 Liszt Bicentennial Recital, Champaign, IL, 2011  
 Concert with UISO at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, Urbana, IL, 2010  
 Beijing International Summer Music Festival and Academy, China, 2010  
 Steinway & Sons Hall New York Recital, NY, 2007  
 Pacific Union Presents Golden Gate Club Concert, San Francisco, CA, 2006  
 Seoul Art High School Bay Area Alumni Association sponsored Recital, SF, CA, 2006  
 Concerts at Courmayeur and Cogne, Italy, 2005  
 Gressoney Castle Concert, Italy, 2004  
 Zephyr International Chamber Music Festival at Yerba Buena Garden, SF, CA, 2004  
 Concerts in Beijing & Shimyang, China - invited by City Governors, 1999

**Music Festivals  
Attended**

Amalfi Coast Music Festival & Institute, Italy, 2013  
 International Keyboard Festival & Institute, NYC, 2013  
 Prague International Piano Festival, Czech Republic, 2010  
 Beijing International Summer Music Festival and Academy, China, 2010  
 UIUC Summer Piano Institute, 2009  
 Piano Summer at New Paltz, NY, 2007  
 Aria International Music Festival, IN, 2007  
 Piano Summer at New Paltz, NY, 2006  
 Bowdoin International Music Festival, ME, 2006  
 Zephyr International Chamber Music Festival, Italy, 2005  
 Zephyr International Chamber Music Festival, Italy, 2004

**Teaching  
Experiences**

**Full scholarship with Teaching Assistantship**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2008~2012

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2009

Provide private piano lessons for non-music majors. Teach sight-reading and musicianship. Prepare students for recitals

Class Piano Instructor, Spring 2009

Teach group class of 12 non-keyboard music majors on electric piano. Grade students on sight-reading, scales, and chord progression, simple improvisation, and two performances

**San Francisco, CA**

Piano Instructor, Clarion Music Institute, San Francisco, CA, Spring 2007-Spring 2008  
Provide private piano lessons for young beginners, intermediates, and adult beginners.  
Teach sight-reading, music theory, and musicianship. Prepare students for recitals

**Piano Pedagogy**

**Intermediate Specialist** (Royal Conservatory of Music in Canada), 2021

**The Korean Association of Piano Pedagogy**, 2021

Presented “A Method to Improve Technical Achievements”

**“Pedagogy Talk”, Costa Rica Piano Festival**, 2021

Invited to talk about some of the issues in piano technic

**Piano Teachers Round Table**, 2021

Invited to present “Measuring Up to Prevent Injuries”

**World Piano Teachers Association Conference**, 2020

Presented “Measuring Up to Prevent Injuries”

**National Conference of Keyboard Pedagogy**, 2019

Presented “Measuring Up to Prevent Injuries”

**Nationally Certified Teacher of Music** (MTNA), 2019

**Elementary Specialist** (Royal Conservatory of Music in Canada), 2019

**Music Teachers National Association National Conference**, 2019

Presented “Measuring Up to Prevent Injuries”

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Piano Pedagogy Internship, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

Discuss teaching materials, and methods for various level of students. Prepared presentations on composers and their instructive pieces. Observe and evaluate undergraduate non-keyboard music major classes

**World Piano Pedagogy Conference**, Las Vegas, 2007

Attended discussions and round table meetings on teaching materials and methods.  
Observed master classes, and lectures

**Suzuki Piano Teacher Training**, Oakland, CA 2016

Attended lectures and master classes for teaching young children. Learned Suzuki Philosophy and observed group classes teaching

**Suzuki Piano Teacher Training**, Webster Groves, MO 2017

Attended lectures and discussed teaching methods. Watched videos of other teachers' lessons and observed master classes

**Master Classes  
Conducted**

Champaign Summer Piano Camp in IL, 2015  
Kasetsart University in Bangkok, Thailand, 2019  
Illinois Wesleyan University IL, 2020

**Master Classes  
Performed**

*Piano*: Leon Fleisher, Aldo Ciccolini, Boris Slutsky, Yefim Bronfman,  
Vladimir Feltsman, Valery Kuleshov, James Giles, Susan Starr,  
Alexander Korsantia, Phillip Kawin, Yong-Hi Moon, Zhe Tang,  
Jerome Rose, Jose Ramos Santana, Alexander Slobodyanik,  
Magdalena Baczewska, Alexander Shtarkman, Gabriel Kwok  
*Chamber Music*: Menahem Pressler  
*Vocal Coaching*: Warren Jones  
*Foretepiano*: Gwendolyn Mok

**Collaborative Work  
Experiences**

**Jefferson College**  
Accompanist, Spring 2019  
Play piano for faculty and students' rehearsals and recitals

**Lindenwood Symphony Orchestra**

Orchestra pianist, Fall 2016  
Play piano, celesta, and synthesizer for rehearsals and performances

**Lindenwood University**

Staff Accompanist, 2016  
Accompany for undergraduate students' recitals, rehearsals, and juries

**Lindenwood Women's Choir**

Accompanist, 2016  
Rehearse with choir and conductor to prepare performances

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Opera Coach, Fall 2009-Fall 2012  
Work with undergraduate and graduate vocal majors on Rigoletto, Magic Flute, La Calisto and Man of La Mancha. Rehearse University of Illinois choirs

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Accompanying Assistant, Spring 2010  
Accompany and coach music major students of strings (violin and double base),  
woodwind (clarinet), brass(trumpet), and voice for recitals, master classes, competitions,  
juries, and lessons

Choir Accompanist, Spring 2010  
 Accompany a course, *Conducting Seminar*, designed for doctoral conducting majors  
 Accompany auditions for candidates of doctoral choir conducting students  
 Rehearse a course, *Choir*, require for voice and choir conducting majors

French Diction & German Diction class pianist, Fall 2012-Spring 2013  
 Accompany and coach classes, *French Diction* and *German Diction*, required for undergraduate singers to help learn music and diction

Illinois Summer Youth Music (ISYM) collaborative pianist: 2012  
 Accompany and coach high school woodwind (flute) and string (violin) students who registered for summer camp for lessons, rehearsals, and performances

**San Francisco Conservatory of Music**  
 Orchestra Pianist, 2005  
 Perform celesta, Firebird by Stravinsky

**Adjudicators** West County School of Music Assessment Test, 2021  
 Sonatina Festival, 2020 & 2021  
 Steinway & Sons Piano Competition, 2019  
 Young Artist Competition, 2018

**Principal Teachers** *Piano*: Daniel Schene, Timothy Ehlen, Ian Hobson, Choong-Mo Kang, Dae-Jin Kim, Mack McCray  
*Harpsichord & Foretepiانو*: Corey Jamason  
*Chamber coaches*: Timothy Bach, Mark Sokol (deceased)  
*Piano Pedagogy*: Reid Alexander (deceased)

**Affiliations** Music Teachers National Association  
 Missouri Music Teachers Association  
 St. Louis Area Music Teachers Association  
 World Piano Teachers Association USA-Missouri  
 Piano Teachers Round Table at St. Louis

**Administration** President & Artistic Director – World Piano Teachers Association USA-Missouri, present  
 President – Saint Louis Area Music Teachers Association, present  
 Recruitment Coordinator – Webster University, 2020-2021  
 Co-Vice President of Missouri Music Teachers Association, 2015-2021  
 Baroque Ensemble assistant - San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 2007  
 Piano Department assistant - San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 2006  
 Mack McCray Piano Studio assistant - San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 2005 ~ 2006

**Citizenship**

Korean, Green card holder