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Education

University of California, Berkeley, 1999 – 2006

Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Townsend Center for the Humanities, 2005 – 2006

Ph.D., Music Composition, Fall 2004

-----Edmund Campion, dissertation advisor

M.A., Music Composition, Spring 2001

-----Study of Composition and Music Technology with David Wessel and Cindy Cox

-----Study of Ethnomusicology with Benjamin Brinner and Bonnie Wade

University of California, San Diego, 1995 – 1999

B.A., summa cum laude in Music with honors in Composition, Spring 1999

-----Study of Composition with Roger Reynolds, Rand Steiger, and Brian Ferneyhough

-----Study of Contemporary Trumpet Technique with Edwin Harkins

-----Study with Harvey Sollberger and Thomas Nee (conducting), George Lewis and Bertram Turetzky (improvisation), and Steve Schick (contemporary performance practice)

Teaching Experience

Southern Oregon University – Chair, Department of Creative Arts, 2021 — present

Full Professor of Art / Emerging Media, 2018 — present

Associate Professor of Art / Emerging Media, 2012 – 2018

Assistant Professor of Art / Emerging Media, 2011 – 2012

Develop and teach a complete curriculum in arts and technology: *Image and Animation Design, Sound and Narrative Design, Code and Interaction Design, Programming for Artists, The Art of Data, Sound Art and Experimental Music, Digital Performance, Robotic Art, Digital Fabrication, Studio Topics, Art/Culture/Technology.*

University of North Texas – Assistant Professor of Music Composition, 2006 – 2011

UC Berkeley Music Department – Lecturer, 2005 – 2006

Pomona College – Lecturer of Music Theory, Spring 2005

UC Berkeley Music Department – Graduate Student Instructor, 2000 – 2004

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Spring 2002

Awards, Honors, and Grants

Fulbright Scholar Award - Center for Digital Narrative - University of Bergen, Norway, 2024

Oregon Arts Commission Individual Artist Fellowship, 2023

Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant (collaborator) 2019-2023

Oregon Arts Commission Career Opportunity Grant, 2018

Portland2016 Biennial Participant, 2016

Lucerne Festival / Kunstmuseum Luzern Soundzzz.zzz.z Competition Winner, 2014

Southern Oregon University Center for Emerging Media and Digital Art Artist in Residence, 2012-2013

Southern Oregon University President's Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Grant, 2011

Meet the Composer Commissioning Music / USA commission for a collaboration with new music ensemble Yarn/Wire, 2010

University of North Texas Institute for the Advancement of the Arts Faculty Fellowship, 2010

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, 2010

Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology Commission, 2009

University of North Texas Small Grant Program, 2009

American Composers' Forum Subito Grant (with the sfSoundGroup), 2009

Hispanic and Global Studies Initiatives Fund "Leadership Perspectives on Technology and Art: Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing Global Economy" co-authored with Jennifer Way, 2009

Junior Faculty Summer Research Fellowship , 2009

University of North Texas Research Infrastructure Grant to design and implement a new video and multimedia presentation system for the Merrill Ellis Intermedia Theater, 2009

University of North Texas Small Grant Program, 2009

American Composers' Forum Encore Grant (with the percussion duo Hunter/Gatherer), 2008

University of North Texas Faculty Research Grants, 2006 - 2007 and 2007 - 2008

Meet the Composer "Creative Connections" Award, 2005

UC Berkeley Eisner Prize for Excellence in the Creative Arts, 2004

Nichola DeLorenzo Prize for Music Composition, 2004

CalSpace Summer Fellowship to develop solar sonification software, 2004

Regents Intern Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 1999 – 2000 and 2003 – 2004

France/Berkeley Fund award for participation in the MANCA Festival of Contemporary Music, 2003

Zellerbach Family Foundation Grant, 2003

UC Berkeley Department of Music Christofilos Prize for academic achievement, 2002

Silicon Graphics/Cray Undergraduate Research Scholarship, 1998 – 1999

UC San Diego John Muir College Most Outstanding Senior Award, 1999

UC San Diego Department of Music Peter Farrell Award for Most Outstanding Senior, 1999

UC San Diego Thomas Nee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the La Jolla Symphony, 1999

Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key National Honor Society, and Caledonian Society of John Muir College

Selected Exhibitions and Performances

2024-----Triptych — DanceWorks (Ashland, OR)

2023-----Art Beyond, Schneider Museum of Art (Ashland, OR)

2021-----Oregon Fringe Festival (Ashland, OR)

The Passage of Time - SOU / Toronto / Guanajuato Collaborative Concert (Ashland, OR / www)

SOU Jade Hail Masters Percussion Recital (Ashland, OR / www)

Ear Taxi Festival (Chicago, IL / [www](#))
 Vancouver New Music Festival (Vancouver, BC / [www](#))
 2020-----University of Toronto Percussion Ensemble - Zoom Concert Series (Toronto, CA / [www](#))
 2019-----Purposeless Play Recital Series - DePaul University (Chicago, IL)
 UCSD IDEAS :: Initiative for Digital Exploration of Arts + Sciences (La Jolla, CA)
 Transplanted Roots Percussion Symposium (Guanajuato, Mexico)
 Interlochen Percussion Institute (Interlochen, MI)
 SOU/UGto 50th Anniversary Celebration (Guanajuato, Mexico)
 Red Fish Blue Fish Percussion (La Jolla, CA)
 McCormick Marimba Festival - University of South Florida (Tampa, FL)
 2018-----Northwest Percussion Festival (Salem, OR)
 Oregon Fringe Festival (Ashland, OR)
 Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity (Banff, Canada)
 Schneider Museum of Art (Ashland, OR)
 2017-----TISCH - Ensemble Lunaire (Biel, Zurich, Basel, + Lucerne Switzerland)
 Disjecta Art First (Portland, OR)
 figure.ground - Stevenson Union Gallery (Ashland, OR)
 Oregon Shakespeare Festival DigiStories Project (online)
 2016-----Portland Biennial (Portland / Bend, OR)
 Nief Norf Summer Festival (Knoxville, TN)
 2015-----Center for New Music (San Francisco, CA)
 Schneider Museum of Art (Ashland, OR)
 2014-----Lucerne Festival (Lucerne, Switzerland)
 Kunstmuseum Luzern (Lucerne, Switzerland)
 Bourbaki Center (Lucerne, Switzerland)
 Seebad (Lucerne, Switzerland)
 University of Tennessee Contemporary Music Ensemble (Knoxville, TN)
 Bridge State @ DanceSpace (Ashland, OR)
 2013-----Oregon Fringe Festival (Ashland, OR)
 ScienceWorks (Ashland, OR)
 Schneider Museum of Art (Ashland, OR)
 2012-----AC Institute (New York, NY)
 2011-----Weisman Art Museum (Minneapolis, MN)
 Fort Worth Community Art Center (Fort Worth, TX)
 Out of the Loop Festival (Addison, TX)
 UNT Institute for the Advancement of the Arts (Denton, TX)
 Unruly Music Festival (Milwaukee, WI)
 2010-----Dallas Museum of Art (Dallas, TX)
 Dallas Contemporary (Dallas, TX)
 SPARK Festival of Electronic Music and Art (Minneapolis, MN)
 Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology (New London, CT)
 DUMBO Dance Festival (Brooklyn, NY)

Dance New Amsterdam (New York, NY)
 Unruly Music Festival (Milwaukee, WI)
 2009-----Pixilerations Festival (Providence, RI)
 Tenri Cultural Center (New York, NY)
 Festival of New American Music (Sacramento, CA)
 2008-----Ghent International Film Festival (Ghent, Belgium)
 Tenri Cultural Center (New York, NY)
 San Francisco Electronic Music Festival (San Francisco, CA)
 Festival of New American Music (Sacramento, CA)

Commissions from LUCERNE Festival, Kunstmuseum Luzern, Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology, Meet the Composer Commissioning Music / USA., WaterTowerTheater's Out of the Loop Festival, percussionist Aiyun Huang, UC Berkeley's Center for New Music and Audio Technology, Yarn/Wire new music ensemble, Double Vision intermedia performance group, Hunter/Gatherer percussion duo.

Recordings include "Hithering" on *CDCM Computer Music Series, Vol. 39: Music from the University of North Texas Center for Experimental Music and Intermedia*.

Art and Technology

Director of xARTS - Cross-Disciplinary Studio for Art and Technology at SOU, 2011 – present
 Core Faculty Member with the SOU Center for Emerging Media and Digital Art, 2011 – present
 Coordinator for the Initiative for Advanced Research in Technology and the Arts (iARTA), 2008 – 2011
 -----Founding principal investigator for an interdisciplinary research cluster at UNT
 -----Coordinate and facilitate interarts + technology research across 8 departments and 4 colleges
 -----Oversee hiring process for three new faculty lines generated by this initiative
 -----Oversee development of a new academic journal, MOEBIUS, focused on arts, technology, and critical theory
 -----Co-organizer of symposium "iARTA:LEAP Leadership Perspectives on Technology and Art Research", August 2009.
 -----Co-producer of the ART-TEC Dialogue Series - bringing internationally recognized artists and scholars to the UNT campus for public dialogue, research talks, and advisory meetings.
 Faculty Member with the UNT Center for Experimental Music and Intermedia, 2006 – present
 -----Developed laboratory for Multimedia Physical Computing
 -----Designed and implemented a multichannel video matrix environment for live performance
 Head Programmer for UC Berkeley's Space Science Laboratory Sonification Project, 2004 – 2005
 UC Berkeley's Center for New Music and Audio Technologies (CNMAT), 1999 – 2004
 -----Graduate Student Composer researching real-time interaction and multimedia composition.

Music Performance

Trumpet player specializing in contemporary music, improvisation, and live electronic performance
 Major Performances include:

-----Lucerne Festival, San Francisco Contemporary Music Players, the sfSoundGroup, ROVA Saxophone Quartet, Nova Ensemble, SPARK Festival, International Computer Music Conference, Berkeley Contemporary Chamber Players, Berkeley New Music Project, Cal Performances, Berkeley Edge Festival, Berkeley TEMPO Festival, Stanford Edge Festival, California Institute for the Arts "Vexations" Festival, and those with Pauline Oliveros, Matt Ingalls, John Schott, Hugh Livingston, Larry Ochs, and John Butcher.

Premiered works for Trumpet and Electronics by:

-----Olly Wilson, Ali Momeni, Per Bloland, Jan Maresz (US Premiere), Ronald Bruce Smith (US Premiere), and David Bithell.

Recordings include:

----- Larry Ochs / ROVA Special Sextet: *The Mirror World (for Stan Brakhage)*, Dan Plonsey: *Music of El Cerrito Volume 2B: Wise King Taken by the Foolish One*, and Jorge Liderman's *The Song of Songs*.

Trumpet player with the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, La Jolla, California, 1995 – 1999

Gamelan Sari Raras: member of traditional Javanese ensemble, Berkeley, California, 2000 – 2004

Conducting, Organizing, and Administration

Artistic Board Member, sfSound, 2015 - present

Founding Co-Director and Conductor of sfSound (www.sfsound.org), 2002 – 2007

-----Lead an innovative new music ensemble and performance series producing 10 concerts a year.

-----Organize residencies at the ODC Theater, Community Music Center of San Francisco, and Wesleyan University as well as an east-coast tour including Merkin Hall, NYC

Guest Conductor with the Nova Ensemble (University of North Texas) as a part of artist residencies for Mario Davidovsky, Augusta Read Thomas, and Boknam Lee, 2006 - 2011

Orchestra Manager for the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, La Jolla, California, 1997 – 1999

Conductor and Music Director for the John Muir Musical Ensemble, UC San Diego, 1995 – 1999

Coordinator of the Undergraduate Performers' Forum at UC San Diego, 1997 – 1999

Publications

David Bithell, "Experimental Music Theater" in *The Grove Dictionary of American Music*, second edition (Charles Garrett, editor). Oxford University Press. (Fall 2013)

David Bithell, "Live Cinema" in *The Grove Dictionary of American Music*, second edition (Charles Garrett, editor). Oxford University Press. (Fall 2013)

David Bithell, "Hithering" CDCM Computer Music Series 39 From the University of North Texas Center for Experimental Music and Intermedia. Centaur Records, 2012. CD.

David Bithell and Ali Momeni "The Liminal Surface: An Interactive Table-Top Environment for Hybridized Music-Theater Performance", Proceedings of the 12th Biennial Symposium on Art and Technology, Spring 2010.

David Bithell, "Image, Engagement, Technological Resource: An Interview with Roger Reynolds", *Computer Music Journal*, Volume 31 Issue 1, Spring 2007.

Laura Peticolas, Roberto Morales Manzanares, David Bithell, Nahide Craig, Janet Luhmann, Stuart Bale, "Space Weather Sonification for scientists, educators, and musicians" American Geophysical Union, Spring Meeting 2005.

David Bithell, "East Meets West: 4th Annual San Francisco Electronic Music Festival" Essay-review published in the Computer Music Journal, Volume 28 Issue 1, Spring 2004.

Various reviews for the San Francisco Classical Voice, January 2004 – 2005.

Lectures, Presentations, and Workshops

University of Bergen, Norway - Center for Digital Narrative - Artist Talk - Oct 23, 2024.

University of Toronto - Technology and Performance Integration Research - Workshop - Sept 30 - Oct 1, 2022.

Southern Oregon University - From Ignorance to Wisdom - Artist Talk - Meese Auditorium - February 6, 2019.

Southern Oregon University - Shapes of Curiosity - Artist Talk - Meese Auditorium - February 9, 2017.

ScienceWorks Hands on Museum - TapHouseTalk - January 15, 2015.

Southern Oregon University - Seeing 8 - Lecture / Performance - Meese Auditorium - January 26, 2013.

University of North Texas, Institute for the Advancement of the Arts - "Crossing Wires: Music, Technology, and Intermedia" - UNT on the Square - May 9, 2011.

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - Seminar on my work with Music, Intermedia, and Technology - Department of Music - April 14, 2011.

University of North Texas - Art-Tec Dialogues - Curator and moderator of panel discussion with Paul Kaiser and Norah Zuniga Shaw - February 17, 2011.

Brooklyn College - Seminar on my work with Music, Intermedia, and Technology - Department of Music Composition - September 23, 2010.

Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology - Connecticut College - Artist Residency, Open Studio, Paper Presentation, and Masterclasses - February 28-March 6, 2010.

Dallas Museum of Art - Featured Artist for Late Night Open Lab - February 19, 2010.

University of North Texas - Moderator for a Panel Discussion on Music for the Theater - Music Now - November 16, 2009.

University of North Texas - Moderator for a Panel Discussion for "Leadership Perspectives on Arts and Technology Research" - iARTA:LEAP Symposium - August 28, 2009.

Grinnell College - Seminar on Music, Multimedia, and Technology - Department of Music - April 13, 2009.

University of Oklahoma - "Interactive Approaches to Computer Music for Intermedia and Improvisation" - co-presented with Christopher Burns, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - April 9, 2009.

University of North Texas - Public Interview with Mario Lavista - Music Now - February 25, 2009.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - "A Case Study in Designing Interaction for Kinetic Sound Sculpture - *The Traveler*" - Seminar Presentations for classes in Sound Art and Digital Art - February 18-19, 2009.

Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea - Seminar on my work with Music, Multimedia, and Technology - Department of Music Composition - November 12, 2008.

Royal Academy of Fine Art Belgium / Higher Institute for Fine Arts Flanders-Ghent - "Physical Computing for Music Theater" - Three Day Intensive Workshop co-taught with Ali Momeni. October 13-15, 2008.

2008 SPARK Festival of Electronic Music and Art - "Influences of New Technologies on Theatre, Dance, and Music Traditions" - Panel Discussion - March 1, 2008.

Princeton University - Lecture/Demonstration of my work with Music, Multimedia, and Technology - SlashArts Series - November 14, 2007.

SUNY Stony Brook - Lecture/Demonstration of my work with Music, Multimedia, and Technology - November 12, 2007.

2007 International Digital Media and Art Association (iDMAA) Conference - "Improvisation and the Happy Accident" - Panel Discussion - November 9, 2007.

University of North Texas - Music Now Series - "A Composer's Survival Guide" - Panel Discussion - April 2, 2007.

Florida International University School of Music- "Toward Musical Intermedia: Structuring Medial Connectivity" - March 26, 2007.

Texas A&M University Center for Humanities Research and the Department of Performance Studies - "Toward Musical Intermedia: Structuring Medial Connectivity" - March 5, 2007.

Texelectronica 2006 Festival of Art, Music, Technology, Society and Culture - Fort Worth Museum of Modern Art - "Interactivity" - Lecture and Panel Discussion - October 28, 2006.

University of North Texas - Music Now Series - "Lumen:Aria - A Case Study in Improvisation and Interactivity" - September 25, 2006.

Wesleyan University - "Collaborative Performance and Composition" - Talk given as a part of an sfSound residency - February 22, 2006.

University of California, Berkeley - Composition Colloquium Series - Talk and Panel Discussion with Ali Momeni and Roberto Morales - January 24, 2003.

Press and Citations

August 2016 - "Towards a theory of experimental music theatre: 'Showing-doing', 'non-matrixed performance' and 'metaxis'" in *The Oxford Handbook of Music, Sound, and Image in the Fine Arts* - Björn Heile - Analysis of *Whistle from Above*

July 14, 2016 - Bend Bulletin - "[Local art galleries participate in 2016 Portland Biennial](#)" - Preview interview regarding Passage

Summer 2015 - Musicworks (journal of experimental music) - My work with sfSound was highlighted in an extensive article written by Dan Joseph

February 27, 2015 - Oregon Art Beat - Oregon Public Broadcasting - *The Place of Whispers* featured in a segment on the Schneider Museum of Art

September 16, 2014 - Radio SRF 2 Kultur, Reflexe (Zurich, Switzerland) - Review segment on the Lucerne Festival including the Place of Whispers on Swiss Radio

July 31, 2014 - *Die Heimat* (Lucerne, Switzerland) - "Wie aus geflüsterten Geheimnissen ein musikalisches Werk entsteht" - Preview of *The Place of Whispers*

July 28, 2014 - *Schweizer Musikzeitung* (Swiss Musical Times - Brunnen, Switzerland) - "Das Geflüster der Stadt Luzern" (The Whisper of the City Lucerne). Extensive preview article discussing *the Place of Whispers*

June 22, 2014 - *Zentralschweiz am Sonntag* (Central Switzerland on Sunday - Luzern, Switzerland) - "Weltstars sum Nulltarif" (Celebrities for No Charge) - Preview article discussing *the Place of Whispers*

September/October 2013 - American Record Guide - "The Newest Music" - Review of CDCM Recording of *Hithering*

December 10th, 2011 - Medford Mail Tribune - John Darling - "[SOU professors get president's grants](#)"

April 16th, 2011 - Third Coast Digest - Michael Barndt "[Unruly Music Friday: Theater, computers and composition intersect](#)"

April 2011 - Biographical entry in [Contemporary Art Music in Texas: A Guide to Composers, Performers, and Organizations](#) - Edited by Stephen Lias, B.J. Brooks, Marcus Maroney, and Martin Blessinger

March 7, 2011 - Theater Jones - Margaret Putnam "[Loop Review: Pixel Dances](#)" - Reviews of Encapsulating, Caught Catching, and The Well (Interruption)

March 6, 2011 - Pegasus News - Mary L. Clark "[Ellie Leonhardt - Pixel Dances @ Out of the Loop Festival](#)" - Reviews of Encapsulating, Caught Catching, and The Well (Interruption)

February 27, 2011 - Fort Worth Star Telegram - Mark Lowry "[Contemporary Dance/Fort Worth's spring concert is a sampler platter of modern dance](#)" - Review of The Well (Interruption)

February 26, 2011 - Theater Jones - Margaret Putnam "[No End In Sight - Contemporary Dance Fort Worth](#)" - Review of The Well (Interruption)

Winter 2010 - Computer Music Journal 34.4 - Michael Boyd "Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States 2010 National Conference (review)" - Review of *Hithering*

July - December, 2010 - [Futurelab / VISION Magazine](#) - Liminal Surface highlighted in article devoted to innovative arts and education

March 12, 2010 - Dallas Morning News - [Center Stage Blog](#) - Review of Difference Engine at the Addison Out of the Loop Festival.

August 27, 2009 - KERA Public Radio - [Art&Seek Blog](#) - Preview Interview for the iARTA:LEAP Symposium

August 6, 2009 - KQED Radio Online - Molly Samuel - "[sfSound Brings Experimental Music to the Mission](#)" - Preview of sfSoundGroup premiere of *Temporary Structures*

July 27, 2009 - San Francisco Classical Voice - Jessica Balik - "[It's About Time](#)" - Preview of sfSoundGroup premiere of *Temporary Structures*

July 13, 2009 - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review - Mark Kanny - "[Review: New Music Ensemble opens season on a strong note](#)" - Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble performance of *Table Setting*

July 11, 2009 - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - Andrew Druckenbrod - "[Review: New Music Ensemble keeps its offerings fresh](#)" - Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble performance of *Table Setting*

April 7, 2009 - The Oklahoman - "[OU concerts showcase digital art](#)" - Preview article of concert featuring David Bithell and Chris Burns

June 19, 2007 - San Francisco Classical Voice - Janos Gereben - "*Listening Ahead*" - Preview article of sfSoundSeries performance of *the eye (unblinking)*.

Spring, 2007 - American Music Vol. 25, No. 1 - Roger Reynolds - "Ideals and Realities: A Composer in America" - Citation of my interview with Roger Reynolds in Computer Music Journal.

February 22, 2007 - Minneapolis Star-Tribune - Preview of Spark Festival Performance

June 26, 2006 - San Francisco Classical Voice - Jonathan Russell - "[Contemporary Music Review: sfSoundSeries](#)" - Premiere of *katajjaq a 6* and performance of Globokar's *Dos a Dos*

May 6, 2006 - San Francisco Classical Voice - Mark Alburger - "[Contemporary Music Review: As Committed as Possible](#)" - Performances of Kagel's *con voce*, Cage's *Concert for Piano and Orchestra*, and *improvisations*

February, 2005 - [Transbay Creative Music Calendar](#) - Phillip Greenlief - Review of *Lumen*

January 13, 2005 - San Francisco Classical Voice - Mark Alburger - "[Contemporary Music Review: Ring in the New Year](#)" - sfSoundSeries performance of *Lumen*

September 25, 2004 - San Francisco Classical Voice - Jonathan Russell - "[Contemporary Music Review: A Bit of This, a Touch of That](#)" - Premiere of new arrangement of Feldman's *Three Voices*

February 11, 2004 - KQED Public Television - SPARK - Experimental Music Showcase - Preview of Stanford University's "Strictly Ballroom presents David Bithell".

Fall 2003 - Computer Music Journal - "News" - Review of sfSound @ the Stanford Edge Festival.

Summer 2003 - Proceedings of the 2003 conference on New Instruments for Musical Expression - Ali Momeni and David Wessel - "Characterizing and controlling musical material intuitively with geometric models" - Citation.

April 16, 2002 - [San Francisco Classical Voice](#) - Jules Langert - Performance of Ronald Bruce Smith's *Return to Breath* with San Francisco Contemporary Music Players