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Current Academic Employment

Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN
Assistant Professor of Guitar (2008-present)

Education

Northern Illinois University
M.M. Jazz Performance/Pedagogy (2004)
College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati
B.M. Jazz/Studio Music (2000)

Academic Honors

Liberace Scholar (2002-2004) -Liberace Foundation

Teaching Interests

Guitar, Jazz Studies, Improvisation, Composition, Music Theory, Music History,
Music Appreciation, Ear Training, Jazz Combo, Guitar Ensemble

Teaching Experience**Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN**

Assistant Professor of Music (2008-2011)
Music x58: Applied Lessons
Music 158: Group Guitar Class
Music 236: Guitar/Recorder for Elementary Ed
Music 215: Jazz History
Music 328: Jazz Combo
Music 328: Jazz Guitar Ensemble
Music 390: Advanced Topics in Jazz (Independent Study)

Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL (2006-2008)

Music Theory
Music History
Group Piano Class

Chicago Academy for the Arts High School, Chicago, IL (2006-2008)

Applied Guitar
Jazz Combo
Guitar Ensemble

Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL (2002-2004)

Jazz Combo
Group Guitar Class
Applied Lessons

Jazz Master Class Presentations (Selected)

Toronto International High School Jazz Festival: Toronto, Canada (2003)
Jazz Up Spring Jazz Festival: Plymouth High School, Plymouth, Indiana (2003)
Dave Bixler/Doug Stone/Nick Fryer: La Grange High School, La Grange, IL (2006)
Nick Fryer/Doug Stone Quartet: Iroquois High School, Des Plaines IL (2006)
Nick Fryer Guitar Masterclass: West Fargo High School (2010)
Nick Fryer Guitar Masterclass: West Fargo High School (2011)
Midwest International Guitar Summit: Fergus Falls, MN (2011)

Jazz Summer Camps

International Music Camp, International Peace Garden (2009)
NIU Jazz Camp, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (2003-2004)

Outreach/Recruitment

Consultant and Clinician for West Fargo High School Guitar Program (2010)

Recruitment Clinics:

MSUM Faculty Jazz Group (2010)
West Fargo High School, Fargo, ND
Fargo South High School, Fargo, ND
Moorhead High School, Moorhead, MN

Twin Cities Recruitment Tour (2011)

MSUM Faculty Jazz Group:
Southwest High School, Minneapolis, MN
Northwest High School, Minneapolis, MN
Eagen High School, Eagen, MN
Annandale High School, Annandale, MN

Leader of weekly Jazz Jam Session for Fargo-Moorhead Tri-College and High School students (2009-2011)

Concert Series and Clinics

Responsible for bringing the following artists to MSUM campus for Concerts/Clinics:

Ben Allison Band (NYC)
Melvin Rhyne/Kyle Ache Organ Trio (Chicago)
Eastern Blok (Chicago)
Tim Sparks (Minneapolis)
Josh Quinlan (Denver)

Grant Writing

Grant Writing Workshop 2009
Faculty Development Grant 2010

Committees

Scholarship Committee (2008-2010)
Scholarship Committee (2010-11)
PR Committee, Chair (2009-2010)
PR Committee (2010-11)
Faculty Review Committee for Full Professor Promotion (2010)

Advising

Advisor for Departmental Majors

Professional Development- Minnesota State University

Professional Development Workshops (2008-2011)
Academic Service-Learning and Distinction in Engagement
Student Success Initiatives: Update and Plans
Learning Communities and Freshman Interest Groups
Motivation and the College Student
Open Dialogue about Mano Singham's August Presentation and
Change Article
Dragon Core Advising and Interactive Degree Audit System
Thinking Out Loud in Front of Students
Teaching Using Discussion

Other Professional Development (Selected)

School for Improvised Music Winter Intensive, Long Island University, NY (2009)
Studies w/ Brad Shepik, Ben Monder, Ralph Alessi, Gerald Cleaver
NYU Jazz Guitar Intensive, New York University, NY (2010)
Studies w/ Bruce Arnold, Pete McCann, Dave Allen, Brad Shepik,
Steve Cardenas, Tony Moreno

Publications

"Carbonic" Transcription and Analysis, DownBeat (2010)
"Single String Studies" (2011) self published etude book for guitar

Faculty Recitals

Nick Fryer Organ Trio (2009) original compositions for organ trio
Nick Fryer Trio (2010) original compositions for guitar, saxophone, and percussion

Performances

International Association of Jazz Education Conference, Toronto Canada 2003
JVC Jazz Festival, New York NY 2003
Jazz in Peru International Jazz Festival, Lima Peru 2004
Iowa City Jazz Festival, Iowa City IA 2004
Around the Coyote Winter Arts Festival, Chicago IL 2007
Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Chicago, IL 2007
Donoroo Music Festival, St. Louis, MO 2008
Wicker Park Arts Festival, Chicago, IL 2008
Rush Hour Music Series, Fargo, ND 2009

Fargo Blues Festival, Fargo, ND 2009
The Stone, NYC, NY 2009
Rush Hour Music Series, Fargo, ND 2010

Endorsements

D'Addario Performing Artist endorsement (2010-2011)

Discography

Nick Fryer-Doug Stone *Quartet* (2006) (Independent)
Algernon *Familiar Espionage* (2007) (Independent)
Stone-Bratt Big Band (2008) (Independent)
Nick Fryer Trio *Live at Studio 222* (2009) (Independent)
Algernon *Ghost Surveillance* (2010) (Cuneiform Records)
Nick Fryer *Homespun* (2011)