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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **The Pennsylvania State University**
Music Education, 2013
Cognate: Learning Theory and Child Development
- M.M. **Westminster Choir College of Rider University**
Piano Performance and Pedagogy, 2004
- B.M. **Gordon College**
Piano Performance, 2002
- Mason Gross School of the Arts of Rutgers State University**
Piano Performance, 1996-1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present Associate Research Professor in the Humanities & Associate Director
Humanities Institute, Penn State University
- 2015-2017 Associate Director and Research Associate
Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Penn State University
- 2013-2015 Assistant Director and Postdoctoral Scholar
Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Penn State University
- 2003-present Private Piano Studio

SERVICE

- 2018-present ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission, Chair (2022-present)
(Co-Chair 2020-2022)

MEMBERSHIPS

ISME: International Society for Music Education, 2009-2010; 2014-present

MENC: The National Association for Music Education, 2008-2016

PMEA: Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, 2008-2016

MTNA: Music Teachers National Association, 2003-2016; 2018-2022

PMTA: Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association, 2005-2016; 2018-2022

Piano Teachers Congress of New York, 2006-2007

NJMTA: New Jersey Music Teachers Association, 2003-2005

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022 20th International ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Virtual Conference

2021 Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association, Virtual Conference

2018 18th International ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Shefa'Amr, Israel

2015 5th International Conference on Music Learning Theory, Chicago, IL

2014 16th International ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Brasilia, Brazil

2014 National Association for Music Education, St. Louis, MO

2014 Music Teachers National Association Conference, Chicago, IL

2011 Society for Research in Music Education, Washington D.C.

2010 29th ISME World Conference, Beijing, China

2010 14th International ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Beijing, China

2010 Music Teachers National Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM

2009 Gordon Institute of Music Learning, Wake Forest, NC

2009 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, Pittsburgh, PA

2008 Early Childhood Music and Movement Association, Providence, RI

- 2008 MENC: The National Association for Music Education, Madison, WI
- 2005 Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association, State College, PA

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2018 *The Practice of Agency in the Lifespan of a Child*. Paper presented at the meeting of ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Shefa'Amr, Israel.
- 2016 Kooistra, L., Rutkowski, J. *Spheres of musical understanding: A fluid, situational, and context specific model*. Paper presented (in absentia) at the meeting of ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Netherlands.
- 2014 *Informal Music Education: The Nature of a Young Child's Engagement in an Individual Lesson Setting*. Paper presented at the meeting of ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Brasilia, Brazil.
- 2010 Kooistra, L., Huang, Y., Lin, Y., & Hsee, Y. Equipping pre-service teachers for music integration in classrooms. In J. Rutkowski (Chair), *Thinking Outside Our Box: Best Practice Models of Integration*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the International Society for Music Education, Beijing.
- 2010 *Informal Piano Lesson Settings for Children Ages 3 to 5*. Paper presented at the meeting of ISME Early Childhood Music Education Commission Seminar, Beijing.