

David Husser

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Education

Master of Music Education, Piano Pedagogy (2006)

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Bachelor of Music, Piano Pedagogy (2003)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, graduate with highest honors

Faculty Positions

Northwestern Michigan College, Adjunct Professor of Music

Traverse City, MI (2006 – present)

Responsibilities

- Teach class piano courses for music majors
- Teach class piano courses for non-music majors
- Develop and teach an online music appreciation course
- Teach applied piano lessons to both music majors and non-music majors
- Substitute as teacher for music theory and ear training classes

Courses Taught

- Class Piano I (MUS 106) for music and non-music majors
- Class Piano II (MUS 107) for music and non-music majors
- Class Piano III (MUS 206) for music majors
- Class Piano IV (MUS 207) for music majors
- Music Appreciation (MUS 110)
- Applied Piano (MUS 159, 259)

Interlochen Center for the Arts, Piano Faculty for the Summer Arts Camp

Interlochen, MI (2006 – 2021)

Responsibilities

- Taught private lessons to eight students every two-week session
- Designed and taught two sections of a piano skills class
- With other faculty, designed a large group class for all junior piano campers, which included lectures, presentations and demonstrations, performances, and recital planning

Studio Teaching Experience

David Husser Piano Studio

Traverse City, MI (2007 – present)

Responsibilities

- Teach weekly private lessons to 25+ students of all ages and abilities
- Hold studio classes for performances and other activities
- Prepare students for a variety of recitals, competitions, and other performance opportunities
- Design theory and composition assignments for advanced students
- Schedule lessons, create invoices, recruit students, and perform other tasks related to the success of a small business

(Studio Teaching Experience continued)

Long Lake Piano Studio

Traverse City, MI (2006 – 2007)

Fine Arts Academy of First Baptist Church

Norman, OK (2005 – 2006)

Piano Laboratory Program, University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign, IL (2003 – 2004)

Independent Studio Teacher

Urbana-Champaign, IL (2002 – 2004)

Collaborative Experience

Traverse City West Senior High School, pianist

Traverse City, MI (2006 – present)

Responsibilities

- Accompany seven choirs led by three different directors, in rehearsals and performances
- Lead sectional rehearsals for various choirs
- Coach and accompany soloists in preparation for recitals, festivals, and other performances
- Perform as part of a pit orchestra for musical theater productions
- Assist in the selection of musical literature

Northwestern Michigan College Children's Choirs and Canticum Novum, pianist

Traverse City, MI (2017 – present)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, pianist, organist, choir accompanist

Traverse City, MI (2007 – present)

Composition and Arrangement Experience

Traverse City West Senior High School, composer and arranger

Traverse City, MI (2008 – present)

- Composed for men's chorus, women's chorus, and mixed choirs, both accompanied and *a cappella*
- Arranged film music for performance by mixed choir and full orchestra
- Edited and arranged orchestral music for piano as an accompaniment to choral performance

Independent Composer and Arranger

(1999 – present)

- Educational piano literature at beginner, intermediate, and early advanced levels
- Advanced piano literature for solo piano, piano duet, and two pianos
- Songs for solo voice and piano
- Choral pieces for accompanied and *a cappella* choirs

Presentations and Publications

"When You Are Old"

- Composition for SSA choir and piano published as part of the Andrea Ramsey Choral Series by Hal Leonard (2020)

"Should I Pursue a Career in Academia? A Friendly Debate"

- Panel presentation given at the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy in Lombard, IL (2017)

"Composing with Words"

- Presentation given in conjunction with the premier of the original composition *Three Cummings Waltzes* at a Northwestern Michigan College Music Department Convocation, Traverse City, MI (2014)

"Conducting the Transfer Student Interview"

- Panel presentation given at the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy in Lombard, IL (2013)

"Composing for Piano"

- Presentation given in conjunction with the premier of the original composition *Uneven Bars* at a Northwestern Michigan College Music Department Convocation, Traverse City, MI (2013)

"Smart, Single, Successful! Effective Business Strategies for Young Professionals"

- Panel presentation given at the MTNA National Conference in Milwaukee, WI (2011)

"Making Piano Lessons Attractive to Potential Students"

- Article published in the August/September 2007 issue of *American Music Teacher*

Performing Experience

Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, MI

- Multiple Music Department Faculty Recitals (2015 – present)
- Multiple master classes, collaborative recitals, and student convocations (2007 – present)

Traverse City, MI

- Multiple voice and instrumental recitals and master classes (2008 – present)
- Multiple high school choral concerts, including performances of original compositions (2006 – present)
- Multiple community choral concerts (2006 – present)

Michigan

- Michigan State Vocal Music Association Honors Choirs, pianist (2011, 2019, 2023)
- Multiple high school choral performances at state festivals (2007 – present)

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

- Master's degree recital, solo piano (2006)
- George Crumb Festival, piece written for voice, percussion quartet, and amplified piano (2005)

Other Professional Experience

David Husser Piano Studio, Traverse City, MI

- Creation and publication of 13 levels of theory worksheets corresponding to the MMTA Piano Student Achievement Test

Traverse City West Senior High School, Traverse City, MI

- Trip coordinator for 2013, 2015, and 2018 European choir tours; responsibilities included logistical planning, grant writing, and monitoring of individual and group financial accounts

Professional Affiliations

Music Teachers National Association (2004 – present)

Michigan Music Teachers Association (2006 – present)

- Treasurer, 2021 – present

Grand Traverse Music Teachers Association (2006 – present)

- Treasurer, 2008 – 2021

National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy Committee on Independent Music Teachers (2011 – 2016)

Conferences Attended

Music Teachers National Association Annual Conference

- Austin, 2006; Toronto, 2007; Denver, 2008; Milwaukee, 2011; Chicago, 2014; online, 2020, 2021

National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy

- Lombard, IL, 2011; 2013; 2015; 2017

Michigan Music Teachers Association Annual Conference

- Ann Arbor, 2012; Lansing, 2019; online, 2020; Ann Arbor, 2021; Kalamazoo, 2022; Auburn Hills, 2023

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