Dr. Seth M. Davis
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Education

2022-2025	University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Doctorate of Musical Arts in Conducting Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Advisor* – Dr. Emily Threinen
2017-2019	Texas State University, Master of Music in Wind Conducting San Marcos, Texas. *Advisor* – Dr. Caroline Beatty
2008-2012	Indiana University, Bachelor of Music Education with a minor in Conducting Bloomington, Indiana. *Advisors*: M. Dee Stewart & Dr. Jeff Gershman

Professional Experience

Lecturer
2025-Present

Texas Tech University
Lecturer of Music
- Teacher of Record – Music Humanities and Bands
- Will create a Civic Wind Ensemble on Campus and serve as its conductor
- Courses taught – Popular Music Survey, Music in Western Civilization, Marching Band
- Assists with Athletic and Concert Band Programs
- Serves on the Student Affairs Committee

Band Director
2024-2025

Normandale Community College, Bloomington, MN
Instructor of Band and Chamber Music Coordinator
- Served as conductor for concert band of students and community members (n=50)
- Teacher of Record, Instrumental Ensemble Course and Concert Band Course
- Featured faculty and student soloists throughout semester

Graduate Assistant
2022-2025

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
Band Department Teaching Assistant, Gold Campus Band Director
- Teacher of record for the Gold Campus Band (n=~90)
- Guest Conductor for University Wind Ensemble (top ensemble) and Symphonic Band
- Assisted teaching drill and music for the UMN Marching Band (n=~320), conduct UMN marching band during home football games and bowl games
- Co-led Gopher Pep Bands for Women's Volleyball, Basketball, and Hockey Games
- Teaching assistant, Undergraduate Basic Conducting and Graduate Conducting Seminar
- Assistant Audio Consultant for 2022 recording session of Stacy Garrop's *Alpenglow* and 2024 recording session of Dean Sorenson's *Fire and Ice*
-Assisted with 2022-2024 summer conducting workshops as lead chamber track manager

Conductor
2023

Neoteric Chamber Winds, Twin Cities, MN
Conductor for 2023 Concert Season
- Conducted professional-level wind chamber ensemble
- Advised and selected repertoire with ensemble's board of directors
- Worked with Board to plan and execute *Abstract Music* collaboration with UMN

Conductor
2022-present

Minneapolis Brass Ensemble, Twin Cities, MN
Conductor and Music Director

- Lead rehearsals and performance with adult community musicians (n=18) in fall and spring concert seasons around the Minneapolis Community
- Helped current members establish organizational board of directors and build 501(c)3 organizational structure
- Collaborated with UMN Wind Conducting studio to create guest conducting opportunities for colleagues

Band Director
2019-2022

Cedar Creek High School, Bastrop, TX
Director of Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Assistant Director of Marching Band
- Served as brass specialist for both Cedar Creek High and Middle Schools
- Taught Marching Band Fundamentals to Band Members
- Helped increase band size from 100 students to 180 over a three-year period
- Implemented a hybrid online curriculum for band students in grades 6-12

Graduate Assistant
2017-2019

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Guest conductor for Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, Assistant Conductor of Concert Band
- Assisted with all logistics of band program including travel, correspondence, and inventory of school-owned instruments
- Assisted Director of Athletic Bands with all instructional and logistical elements for Bobcat Marching Band (n=250) and Basketball Band (n=50)
- Staged an Ad-hoc chamber winds recital that included the American premiere of Silvestre Revueltas' *Este era un Rey*
- Co-Taught and served as substitute instructor for undergraduate conducting classes

Band Director
2016-2017

Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School, Bridgewater, NJ
Director of Eighth Grade Band and Jazz Band
- Designed and coordinated pull-out lesson program
- Managed all aspects of program including inventory, budget, and correspondence

Band Director
2012-2016

Hightstown High School, Hightstown, NJ
Head director of Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra; Assistant Director of Marching Band
- Recruited to increase band size from 35 students to 140 over a four-year period
- Developed peer to peer lesson program with middle and high school students
- Taught classes and wrote curriculum for Beginning Electric Guitar and Bass Guitar

Awards, Research, Writing and Conducting Highlights

2026

Texas Music Educators Association – Clinic Presenter – "How do Winds Flow?"
Panel with Anthony Morris, Dr. Kevin Day, Katahj Copley, and Dr. Marie Douglas
Texas Music Educators, Fort Worth, TX (accepted into conference)

2025

The Midwest Clinic - (future)Reynolds Institute selected conductor
The Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, Chicago IL

2025

College Band Directors National Association – Clinic Presenter : "Flow, Vibe, Dope… In that Order: A Discussion on Interpreting Hip-Hop Informed Wind Band Works"
Panel with Anthony Morris, Dr. Kevin Day, Katahj Copley, and Dr. Marie Douglas
Fort Worth, TX

2025

Recipient – Council of Graduate Students Grant for Conference Actvitiy
The Council of Graduate Students: University of Minnesota

2025	Recipient – School of Music Grant for Graduate Research and Conference Presentations *The University of Minnesota School of Music*
2025	Minnesota Music Educators Association - Conductor and Music Director for Minneapolis Brass Ensemble and University of Minnesota Brass Players Performance *Collaboration with Professor Marissa Benedict, Minneapolis, MN*
2023-24	Guest and Cover Conductor, Medalist Concert Band – Summer Concert Series *Professor Jerry Luckhardt, Director, Bloomington and Minneapolis, MN*
2023	"Minneapolis Brass and Friends" with South Metro Chorale (n=60), Metropolitan Men's Choir (n=15), and Minneapolis Brass Ensemble (n=18) [two performances] *Mount Calvary Lutheran Church,* and *Community of the Cross Lutheran Church, MN*
2023	Recipient - Community Engagement Grant, "AbsRacT Music – Community Chamber Concert" Held at Rogue Buddha Gallery and Lloyd Ultan Recital Hall *UMN School of Music, Neoteric Chamber Winds, and Minneapolis Brass Ensemble, MN*
2023	Dedication to Student Learning Award through "Thank a Teacher" Program *The University of Minnesota Center for Educational Innovation, MN*
2022	Center Podium Conductor and Lead Director for Pinstripe Bowl, Yankee Stadium *The University of Minnesota Marching Band – Minneapolis, MN and New York, NY*
2021	Selected, Band Conductor Officer Auditions (offer declined) *The United States Army Bands - Washington, DC*
2021, 2022	Division 1 Rating, Cedar Creek Symphonic Winds *UIL Region 18 Concert Band Evaluation - Bastrop, TX*
2019-2021	Straight "1" Rating, Area Competition Qualifier - Cedar Creek HS Marching Band *UIL Region 18 Marching Festival and Competition - Austin and Bastrop, TX*
2021	Selected Participant, Texas Bandmasters' Association Conducting Workshop *Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Mr. Kerry Taylor, clinicians, San Antonio, TX*
2020	Guest conductor, Texas State University Concert Band *Texas State University Band Centennial Celebration Concerts - San Marcos, TX*
2019	Conductor, National Band Association Young Conductor/Composer Mentorship Project, one of three conductors selected nationally *The United States Air Force Concert Band - Washington, DC*
2019	Performance with the Texas State University Symphonic Band of Kevin Day's A Hymn for Peace featured as demo recording on composer's website. *Kevin Day, Composer – www.kevindaymusic.com, San Marcos, TX*
2019	BRAVO award, Outstanding Graduate Student Music History Paper *To Touch Hearts More Deeply: Winds as a Reflection of Innovation in Mozart's "Little G Minor," Haffner" and "Jupiter" Symphonies – Texas State University, San Marcos, TX*
2018	Chamber Track Conductor, University of Minnesota Conducting Workshop One of four selected for chamber track

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2015 Inaugural Gold Rating, Hightstown High School Wind Ensemble
Central Jersey Music Educators Association High School Band Festival - Summit, NJ

2012 Outstanding Future Music Educator Award
Indiana Music Educator's Association, Fort Wayne, IN

2008, 2009 Semifinal and Third Place Medal, Euphonium Young Artist Division
Leonard Falcone International Euphonium Competition - Twin Lake, MI

Clinician and Educational Consultant

2024 Guest Clinician –St. Cecilia High School Band, Minneapolis, MN
Mr. Colin Sandall, Director

2023 Guest Clinician – University of Minnesota Summer Alumni Band, Minneapolis MN
Mr. Ross Wolf, Director

2023 Guest Clinician – St. Croix Preparatory Academy Wind Ensemble, Shell Lake, WI
Mr. James DeCaro, Director

2022 Guest Clinician, Wassau West High School Band, Minneapolis, MN
Mr. Daniel Emerson, Director

2022 Guest Clinician, Cedar Ridge High School Wind Ensemble, Round Rock, TX
Mr. Dan Mussachio, Director

2022 Guest Clinician, Weiss High School Symphonic Winds, Pflugerville, TX
Mr. Ray Henricksen, Director

2020(22) Guest Clinician, Bastrop High School Varsity and JVA Band, Bastrop, TX
Mr. Peyton Grover, Mr. Evan Karley, and Mr. Kenneth Gilbreath, directors

2020(22) Guest Clinician, Cedar Creek High School Varsity Choir Bastrop, TX
Ms. Katherine McGrew, director

Conducting Workshops Attended

2021 University of Texas: The Art of Conducting and Rehearsing Workshop
Professor Jerry Junkin, Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Professor Richard Floyd, clinicians

2020 University of North Texas Virtual Conducting Workshop
Professor Eugene Corporon, Dr. Andy Trachsel, and Dr. Daniel Cook, clinicians

2016, 2017 UCLA Conducting Symposiums
Dr. Travis Cross, Professor Jerry Junkin, Professor Michael Haithcock, clinicians

2015 University of Michigan Band Conducting and Pedagogy Workshop
Professor Michael Haithcock, clinician

2014, 2015 MEBCI Wind Conducting Symposiums
Dr. Mallory Thompson, clinician

2012 Undergraduate Fellow, Michigan State Conducting Symposium
Dr. Kevin Sedatole, clinician

Current Active Professional Affiliations

National Band Association
National Association for Music Education
World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles
College Band Director's National Association
Texas Music Educator's Association

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