

MELISSA A. KOPROWSKI

CLARINET

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Musical Arts, Clarinet Performance 2011 University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Academic Field: **Music Education**

Elective Fields: **Business and Music Recording**

Studied with Yehuda Gilad and David Howard

Master of Music, Clarinet Performance 2008 University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Studied with Yehuda Gilad and David Howard

Bachelor of Music, Clarinet Performance, *Summa Cum Laude* 2006 University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Studied with Danny Granados, Scott Bridges, and Judy Donaldson

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – HIGHER EDUCATION

University of Alabama – Huntsville, Huntsville, AL 2021– Current **Instructor of Clarinet**

MUA 261/361/461 – Individual Clarinet Instruction

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 2011 – 2019 **Associate Professor of Clarinet**

MUSI 160/360 – Individual Clarinet Instruction

- Teach one hour or a half hour of individual lessons to both majors, minors, and non-majors (studio size of 24 students when I left)
- Each student participates in a weekly studio class, clarinet choir, and optional warm-up class

MUSI 257/457 – Chamber Music

- Clarinet choir and small ensembles

MUED 208 – Woodwind Techniques

- Teach clarinet and saxophone to music education majors

Honors 106 – Songs and Symphonies

- A course designed to teach non-major honor students a love for music, including a field trip to the MN Orchestra and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra

The Master's University, Santa Clarita, CA 2006 – 2011 **Adjunct Professor of Clarinet**

MU 160/360 – Individual Clarinet Instruction

- Teach individual lessons to majors and non-majors

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MU 344 – Chamber Music

- Worked to develop and establish current chamber music program
- Guide and direct various chamber ensembles

MUED 314 – Woodwind Techniques

- Taught all woodwind instruments to music education majors

TEACHING EXPERIENCE – OTHER

Private Clarinet Instructor 1999 – 2019 Students have gone on to receive top chairs, honors, and awards across the country

**Idyllwild Arts Summer HS Chamber Music Program, Idyllwild, CA 2010-2014
Clarinet Faculty**

- Taught the orchestra and high school clarinet students
- Presented several masterclasses and recitals
- Coached chamber music

International Music Camp, Dunseith, ND Summer 2014 Clarinet Faculty

- Taught over 50 clarinet students in two weeks
- Presented several masterclasses
- Taught private lessons to middle/high/college students

Huntington Middle School, San Marino, CA 2008 – 2011 Assistant Band Director

- Direct the band
- Sectionals with all woodwinds
- Established a chamber music program and coached the groups

PERFORMANCE HONORS

Vandoren Artist Clinician 2014 – Present

Performed as soloist at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic 2017 with the UWEC Jazz I Ensemble

**UWEC Clarinet Ensemble invited to perform at the 2016 2016 (summer)
International Clarinet Association's ClarinetFest held in Lawrence, KS**

**Performed at the 2016 International Clarinet Association's 2016 (summer)
ClarinetFest held in Lawrence, KS**

Performed at the 2012 International Clarinet Association's 2012 ClarinetFest held in Lincoln, NE - Elie Siegmeister Clarinet Concerto

1st Place: International Clarinet Association Young Artist Competition 2010

Leni Fe Bland Career Grant Competition Winner 2008, 2009, & 2010
Winner of Fresno Music Club Competition 2007 & 2009

Prague Spring International Competition 2008 One of two in the United States
invited to participate

1st place: Alabama Federation of Music Clubs competition 2004, 2005, & 2008

Honorable mention: Torrance Symphony Competition 2008

1st place: Pasadena Showcase Competition 2006 **Round Top Concerto**

Competition: Honorable Mention (tie for 2nd) 2006 **1st place: MTNA Young Artist**

Southern Division competition 2006 **1st place: MTNA Young Artist State**

competition 2005 **1st place and Best Overall: Birmingham Music Club competition**

2005

ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra 2016 Clarinet on select concerts

Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra 2011 – 2015 Principal Clarinet

Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra 2011 – 2012 Principal Clarinet

Various regional orchestras in the Los Angeles, CA area 2007 – 2011 Principal, 2nd,
and bass clarinet

Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, Tuscaloosa, AL 2003 – 2008 Second / Eb clarinet
Accepted position at the age of 18, youngest member of the orchestra

Alabama Symphony Orchestra 2005-2006 Frequently performed as substitute 2nd
clarinetist

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra 2004-2008 Frequently performed as substitute
2nd clarinetist

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Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra, Los Angeles, CA 2008 – 2010
Assistant Principal (2009-2010) / Bass Clarinet (2008)

CONCERTO APPEARANCES

Sholem-alekhem, rov Feidman! by Belà Kovàcs 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
Cameron High School band, Bloomer Middle School Band, New Prague High School
Band, Glenwood City High School Band, Wautoma Middle School Band, North
Jefferson Middle School Band, Pelham High School

Clarinet Concerto by Artie Shaw 2011, 2012, & 2018 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I
and UW – Eau Claire Honor Band

Concerto for Wind Quintet by Ivar Lunde 2018

Derivations, mov. IV by Morton Gould 2017 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at
Midwest Clinic, Chicago, IL

Derivations, mov. IV by Morton Gould 2017 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at
Bloomer High School, Bloomer, WI

Derivations, mov. IV by Morton Gould 2017 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at
Memorial High School, Eau Claire, WI

Derivations, mov. IV by Morton Gould 2017 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at
Gantner Concert Hall, UWEC, Eau Claire, WI

Derivations, mov. IV by Morton Gould 2017 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at
Wisconsin Music Educators
Association, Madison, WI

Battling Bogarts by Alaine Myrand 2017 UW – Eau Claire Wind Symphony

Concerto for Clarinet and Wind Band by Oscar Navarro 2017 Marquette University
Artist in Resident, Milwaukee, WI

Derivations, mov. IV by Morton Gould 2016 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I at Jazz
Fest, Davies Center, and Lake Calhoun Famous Dave's

Derivations, mov. 1 by Morton Gould 2015 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I

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Immer Kleiner by Adolf Schreiner and ***Victor's Tale*** by John Williams 2015 Barron
Communniversity Band

Begin the Benguine by Artie Shaw 2014 Wautoma High School Jazz Band

Clarinet Concerto by Martin Ellerby and *Guisganderie Harmonie* by Paul Jeanjean 2014 UW – Eau Claire Symphony Band

Concerto for Clarinet and Wind Band by Oscar Navarro 2013 UW – Eau Claire Symphony Band

Concerto RV 556 by Antonio Vivaldi 2013 Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony

Prelude, Riffs, and Fugue by Leonard Bernstein 2012 UW – Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble II

Introduction Theme, and Variations by Gioachino Rossini 2012 UW – Eau Claire Symphony Orchestra

Brooklyn Bridge by Michael Daugherty 2011 UW – Eau Claire Wind Symphony

Black Dog by Scott McAllister 2008 The Master's College Wind Ensemble

Snake in a Garden by Paul Richards 2007 University of Southern California Wind Ensemble

Clarinet Concerto by Carl Nielsen 2006 University of Alabama Huxford Symphony

Rigoletto Fantasia by Luigi Bassi 2004 University of Alabama Wind Ensemble

Clarinet Concerto by Martin Ellerby 2003 University of Alabama Wind Ensemble

Introduction Theme, and Variations by Rossini 2002 Alabama Youth Symphony

Clarinet Concerto by W.A. Mozart 2001 Alabama Youth Symphony

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RECORDINGS

Remember, Forever Be Sure (clarinet obbligato on select tracks) 2019 **Bountiful**, Forever Be Sure (clarinet obbligato on select tracks) 2017 **King of the Night**, Forever Be Sure (clarinet obbligato on select tracks) 2016 **Melissa Koprowski, solo album** *Around the World in 60 minutes* 2013

Artie Shaw Clarinet Concerto, Melissa Koprowski, UWEC Jazz I 2013 *Black, Brown, and Beige*

The Complete C. Rose Clarinet Etudes (collaborative recording project) 2012

Soliloques, Demondrae Thurman, Summit Records 2005 principal clarinet with accompanying ensemble

GUEST MASTERCLASS PRESENTER

Huntsville High School, Huntsville, AL 2020 Briarwood Christian High School, Birmingham, AL 2019 Oak Mountain High School, Birmingham, AL 2019 Pelham Middle School, Pelham, AL 2019 Pelham High School, Pelham, AL 2019 Randolph School, Huntsville, AL 2019 Grissom High School, Huntsville, AL 2019 Huntsville High School, Huntsville, AL 2019 St. Croix High School, Stillwater, MN 2018 Woodbury High School, Woodbury, MN 2018 Augusta High School, Augusta, WI 2018 Spring Valley School, Spring Valley, WI 2018 Menomonee Middle School, Menomonee, WI 2018 Menomonee High School, Menomonee, WI 2018 Hudson Middle School, Hudson, WI 2018 Hudson High School, Hudson, WI 2018 Stillwater Middle School, Stillwater, MN 2018 Gilman High School, Gilman, WI 2018 North High School, Eau Claire, WI 2018

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Crestview Academy, Eau Claire, WI 2018 Northstar Middle School, Eau Claire, WI 2018 UW - Madison Clarinet Day, Madison, WI 2018 Lake City High School, Lake City, MN 2018 South Middle School, Eau Claire, WI 2017 Oak Mountain Middle School, Birmingham, AL 2017 Pizitz Middle School, Vestavia, AL 2017 Spain Park High School, Hoover, AL 2017 North Jefferson Middle School, Kimberly, AL 2017 Mortimer Jordan High School, Kimberly, AL 2017 River Falls Middle School, River Falls, WI 2017 River Falls High School, River Falls, WI 2017 Glenwood City Schools, Glenwood City, WI 2017 Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI 2017 Brookfield East High School, Brookfield, WI 2017 Oakcreek High School, Oakcreek, WI 2017 Bloomer School District, Bloomer, WI 2016 Winona High School, Winona, MN 2016 Winona Middle School, Winona, MN 2016 Gilman High School, Gilman, WI 2016 Altoona High School, Altoona, WI 2016 D.C. Everest High School, Schofield, WI 2016 D.C. Everest Junior High School, Schofield, WI 2016 Durand High School, Durand, WI 2016 Plainview-Elgin-Millview School District, MN 2016 UW-Platteville, Platteville,

WI 2015 **Cottage Grove Middle School**, Cottage Grove, MN 2015 **Park High School**, Cottage Grove, MN 2015 **Chippewa Falls High School**, Chippewa Falls, WI 2015 **McDonnell High School**, Chippewa Falls, WI 2015 **Cameron High School**, Cameron, WI 2015 **North High School**, Eau Claire, WI 2015

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Unity High School, Balsam Lake, WI 2015 **River Falls High School**, River Falls, WI 2015 **St. Croix High School**, St. Croix, WI 2015 **Wautoma Middle and High School**, Wautoma, WI 2014 **North High School**, Eau Claire, WI 2014 **Glenwood City High School**, Glenwood City, WI 2014 **University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL 2014 **University of Montevallo**, Montevallo, AL 2014 **Samford University**, Homewood, AL 2014 **Concordia College**, Moorhead, MN 2014 **Bloomer Middle School**, Bloomer, WI 2013 **Cameron Middle School**, Cameron, WI 2013 **University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN 2012 **University of California – Northridge**, Northridge, CA 2012

SUMMER FESTIVALS (TEACHING AND PERFORMING)

Idyllwild High School Chamber Fest, Faculty, Idyllwild, CA 2012, 2013, & 2014

International Music Camp, Faculty, Dunseith, ND 2014

Idyllwild High School

Band/Orchestra Program, Faculty, Idyllwild, CA 2010

International Festival at

Round Top, Round Top, TX 2006 & 2007

Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, Waimea, HI 2005 **Eastern Music Festival**, Greensboro, NC 2004 **The National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute**, Washington, D.C. 2003

CHAMBER PERFORMANCES (SELECTIONS FROM LAST 5 YEARS)

Music with Friends Faculty Concert 2020 *Sholem-alekhem, rov Feidman!* by Belà Kovàcs

Farewell Concert 2019 Final solo and chamber recital concluding the end of my time at UWEC

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“Thousand Whirling Dreams,” mov. 3 by Dana Wilson 2018 Pablo Center for the Arts

Benefit Concert for Dr. Trent Jacobs 2017 Organized and performed Bach Sonata and Strauss Suite for Winds Gantner Concert Hall

“Der Hirt auf dem Felsen,” by Franz Schubert 2017 Gantner Concert Hall

Melissa Koprowski, Faculty Recital 2016 Gantner Concert Hall

Wisconsin College and University Faculty Woodwind Ensemble – WMEA 2016
Performed with other UW-system woodwind faculty on a chamber concert

UWEC Clarinet Day performance with guest artist, Jonathan Cohen 2016 Phillips Recital Hall

“Parto! Ma tu ben mio...” from *La Clemenza di Tito* 2016 Mozart Operas: Issues of Gender, Class, and Race, Gantner Concert Hall

Gregory Wannamaker Duo Sonata, mov. 3 & 4 2015 Michael Shults Faculty Recital, Phillips Recital Hall

Summer Sounds Concert Series 2015

22nd Celebration of Choral Music, Timothy C. Takach concert 2015 Guest performer on *Goodbye, Then* by Timothy Takach

Faculty Contemporary Chamber Music 2015 Performed *Urban Sketches* by Chiayu Hsu

Wisconsin College and University Faculty Woodwind Ensemble – WMEA 2014
Performed with other UW-system woodwind faculty on a chamber concert

Melissa Koprowski, Faculty Recital 2014 Gantner Concert Hall

Live from the Chazen on Wisconsin Public Radio 2014 Trio performance of Violet Archer’s *Trio for Flute, Clarinet, and Piano*

Woodwind Area Faculty Recital 2014 *Arlequin* by Louis Cahuzac

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Viola Works by Women Composers – Aurelien Petillot, viola recital 2014 The Baroque Room, St. Paul, MN and Gantner Concert Hall
Guest performer on *Black Birds, Red Hills* by Libby Larsen

FILM AND TELEVISION CREDITS

The Soloist (DreamWorks Production), clarinet (both visual and audio) *Zombie Girl: The Movie* (Independent film)

Wildman (Independent film)

BET Television (appeared on two separate occasions)

ADJUDICATION

Conducting Competition for UWEC Bands 2017 **Chippewa Valley Youth**
Symphony, Concerto Competition Judge 2012 & 2016 **MTNA, WI State level**
Woodwind judge 2015 **ENKOR International Competition for Woodwinds, Brass,**
and Percussion 2015

ACADEMIC AND MERIT HONORS

Outstanding Alumnus Award, Pi Kappa Lambda 2012 University of Alabama

Wind Ensemble Teaching Assistantship, 2008 – 2011 University of Southern California

Mitchell Lurie Award, University of Southern California **2008 Most Outstanding**

Senior Musician, University of Alabama **2006 Wilbur Rowand Award through Pi**

Kappa Lambda, University of Alabama **2005 Recipient of the Elizabeth Hamner**

Scholarship Award, Tuscaloosa Symphony 2004

STUDENT SUCCESS (SELECTIONS)

Sarah DiPiazza, FINALS of The International Clarinet Association's Young Artist Competition held in Orlando, FL (July 2017)

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Hunter Nicholson, participated in Belgium Clarinet Academy (summer 2017) Sarah DiPiazza, Daraja Music Initiative, Tanzania, Africa (summer 2017) Megan Stevens, 2nd clarinet, Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (2017)

Hunter Nicholson, First prize winner of Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs (2017)

Sarah DiPiazza, Invited to participate in Domaine Forget and study with Yehuda Gilad (Summer 2016)

Sarah DiPiazza, Winner of 2016 UWEC Student Orchestra Concerto Competition (performed with UWEC Symphony Orchestra January, 2016)

Sarah DiPiazza, Semi-Finalist of International Clarinet Association's Young Artist competition held in Madrid, Spain (July, 2015)

Eric Schultz (former UWEC student)- Full Teaching Assistantship at Stonybrook University for DMA degree (2015)

Claire Zwiefelhofer (private home studio student), 2nd place of Schubert Club Woodwind and Brass High School competition (March, 2015)

Eric Schultz (former student), 2nd place of Schubert Club woodwind and brass college/grad competition (March, 2015)

Sarah DiPiazza, Honorable Mention of Schubert Club woodwind and brass college/grad competition (March, 2015)

Claire Zwiefelhofer (private home studio student), National Finalist in Rico's Take First Competition (May, 2014)

Sarah DiPiazza, Winner of 2014 Student Concerto Competition (May 2014) Performed with the UWEC Wind Symphony

Eric Schultz - top recruited clarinetist for the studio and awarded a full ride to the University of Minnesota for his MM degree (2013)

Kinsey Fornier - top recruited clarinetist and awarded a full ride to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor for her MM degree (2013)

Eric Schultz, Winner of 2013 Student Concerto Competition (May 2013) Performed with the UWEC Wind Symphony

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Kinsey Fornier, 1st place winner of the Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs Competition, Woodwind Division (March, 2013)

Eric Schultz, 2nd place winner of the Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs Competition, Woodwind Division (March, 2013)

Megan Pattarozzi, Winner of 2012 Student Concerto Competition (May 2012) Performed with the UWEC Wind Symphony

GRANTS

ORSP Student Travel for the Presentation of Research Results 2016 Awarded amount: \$1400 (for student use)

For performance at 2016 International Clarinet Association ClarinetFest, Lawrence, KS

Faculty/Student Collaborative Grant 2015 Awarded amount: \$4700

Grant for Faculty/Student collaborative project: "Using Technology to Aid in Rhythmic Accuracy"

2014-2015 Wind Division Professional Development Guest Artist Block 2014 Grant

Awarded amount: \$3600 from ORSP, and \$3600 from department. This is the grant for the wind division that brings in guest artists for the following year.

2013-2014 Wind Division Professional Development Guest Artist Block 2013 Grant

Awarded amount: \$3500 from ORSP, \$6350 from department, and \$100 from A&S college. This is the grant for the wind division that brings in guest artists for the following year.

Workshops and Special Projects Travel Grant 2012 Awarded amount: \$880 from ORSP, \$50 from department, and \$100 from A&S Used for travel and presentation at ClarinetFest, Lincoln, NE

2012-2013 Wind Division Professional Development Guest Artist Block 2012 Grant

Awarded amount: \$3100 from ORSP, \$6750 from department, and \$200 from A&S

college. This is the grant for the wind division that brings in guest artists for the following year.

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Faculty/Student Collaborative Grant 2012 Awarded amount: \$8150
Grant for Faculty/Student collaborative summer sounds concert series. Involved 9 students and 5 faculty members.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

UWEC Arts and Sciences Academic Suspensions and Appeals Committee 2012-2019

Attended Vandoren Regional Artist Training Session, 2015-2018 Chicago, IL and Los Angeles, CA

Pi Kappa Lambda UW-Eau Claire Faculty President 2017 MTNA Wisconsin Chapter, State Senior Competitions Coordinator 2016-17 Performed at the 2016 ClarinetFest, Lawrence, KS August 2016

ORSP Poster Session – Presented Student/Faculty Summer Research April 2016 Project

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chippewa Valley Youth Symphony Board Member, Eau Claire, WI 2012 – 2015
Downey Symphony Orchestra Marketing Specialist, Downey, CA 2010 – 2011
Wind Ensemble Manager, University of Southern California 2008 – 2011

Librarian Assistant, University of Southern California 2007 – 2008 Orchestra Manager, International Festival at Round Top 2007 Orchestra Librarian, Tuscaloosa

Symphony Orchestra 2005 – 2006 PRESENTATIONS:

Clarinet Day at MidWest Musical Imports 2018 “All you ever wanted to know about

Vandoren products and how they can work best for you”

UW-Madison Clarinet Day 2018 “How to find the best reed and mouthpiece equipment”

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UWEC 3rd Annual Clarinet Day 2016 “Reeds and Equipment and what really matters”

UWEC 2nd Annual Clarinet Day 2015 “Secrets of a Great Sound”

UWEC 1st Annual Clarinet Day 2014 “How to improve your altissimo range, tips and tricks”

National Band Association, UW - Eau Claire 2011 “Auditions (grad school, competitions, and orchestral)”

PUBLICATIONS

Koprowski, Melissa A. “Clarinet Equipment Essentials with Melissa Koprowski.” *WAVE*. Dansr. 5 May 2016

Koprowski, Melissa A. “Some Insight From the Modern Day Clarinetist: A Conversation with Melissa Koprowski.” *WAVE*. Dansr. 3 May 2016

Koprowski, Melissa. “Clarinet Equipment Essentials with Melissa Koprowski.” *The Instrumentalist*, April, 2016.

