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Education	
2011	Doctor of Philosophy in Ethnomusicology
	University of Toronto
2007	Master of Arts in Musicology
	University of Toronto
2005	Bachelor of Music in Jazz Saxophone Performance
	University of Toronto
2001	Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Saxophone Performance
	Royal Conservatory of Music
Research	
Rooks as Sing	ole Author

Books as Single Author

Jazz Sells: Music, Marketing, and Meaning. New York: Routledge. 2015

Books as Co-Editor

Forthcoming Improvisation and Music Education: Beyond the Classroom. New York:

Routledge (co-edited with Ajay Heble)

Peer Reviewed Articles

2015	"Freedom of Choice: Jazz, Neoliberalism, and the Lincoln Center" in Popular
	Music and Society 38 (July 2015)

2014 "Rebels and Volkswagens: Advertising, Charles Mingus, and the Commodification of Dissent" in Black Music Research Journal 34 (Fall 2014): 201-227.

2014 "Improvise!TM: Improvisation and the Aesthetics of Neoliberalism" in Critical Studies in Improvisation 9 (2013).

"Gender, Genius, and Rock and Roll in 'Roy Orbison and Friends: A Black and 2011 White Night" in Popular Music 30 (Winter 2011): 433-453.

"The Greatest Jazz Concert Ever:' Critical Discourse, European Aesthetics, and 2010

featured in "Canadian Rising Stars" in The Music Scene 3.3 (Spring, 2005): 18

Publications as Music Copy Editor

Haines, John. Medieval Song in Romance Languages. Cambridge, UK:

Cambridge University Press, 2010. p. 5; 73; 160; 213-296 passim.

Haines, John. Satire in the Songs of Renart le Nouvel. Publication romanes

et françaises 246. Geneva: Droz, 2009. p. 10; 237-339 passim.

2009 McGee, Timothy. The Ceremonial Musicians of Late Medieval Florence.

Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2009. p. xvii; 56-226 passim.

Presentations at Learned Societies

2015 Jazz Sells: Improvisation as Consumption.

Society for American Music Annual Conference.

Sacramento, CA. March 4-8.

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Toronto, ON. March 28-30.

2006 "Musicologist and Muslim: Religion, Caste, and the Erasure of the Ustad" Asian Studies Graduate Conference. University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. October 13-14.

2006 "Eleven Pieces for Improvising Trio." Canadian University Music Society Annual Conference. York University, Toronto. May 28-31. (Co-Presenter)

2006 "Selections from Eleven Pieces for Improvising Trio."

2011	"Eat That Chicken: Jazz, Spectacle, and Consumption" Sound and Music in Mass Performance Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto Toronto, ON. April 29-30
2011	"Such Sweet Thunder: The Art and Craft of Duke Ellington" World Rhythms Performance and Lecture series University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Toronto, ON. February 9.
2010	"Jazz, Commerce and the Commodification of Rebellion" Research Workshop: The Culture Industries in the African Diaspora The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on the Global Migrations of African People, York University. Toronto, ON. April 23-24.
2010	"Jazz, Commerce and the Commodification of Rebellion" Graduate Student Colloquium. University of Toronto. Toronto, ON. March 25.
2007	"Musicologist and Muslim: Religion, Caste, and the Erasure of the Ustad" Graduate Student Colloquium. University of Toronto. Toronto, ON. March 22.
2006	

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2003	James Bernard Moulsdale Essay Prize nominee	
2002	Duke Ellington Jazz Society Scholarship	
2002	Jean Chalmers Scholarship	
2001	General Admission Scholarship	
2001	University of Toronto Scholar	
2001	Royal Conservatory of Music Gold Medal for Woodwind Perform	nance
Academic Employment		

Grinnell College

2013 Course Instructor, Music in Contemporary Society (SOCI 206) Humber College

- Designed course syllabus
- Lectured weekly on topics related to contemporary music sociology and anthropology
- 2012-2014 Course Instructor, Ethnomusicology (MBE.342)

Humber College

- Developed course syllabus
- Lectured twice weekly on global musics and topics in ethnomusicology
- 2012 Workshop Facilitator, Summer Institute

Improvisation, Community, and Social Practice

University of Guelph

Course Instructor, Jazz Band (VPMA/B/C73/74H) 2008-2012

University of Toronto Scarborough Campus

- Directed rehearsals and performances
- Worked with students collectively and on an individual basis on musicianship, improvisation and composition
- Course Instructor, Jazz (VPMB94H3Y) 2009

University of Toronto Scarborough Campus

- Designed course syllabus
- Lectured weekly on topics in jazz history and twentieth century North American culture

Research Assistantships

2011	Research Assistant to Prof. H. Colin Slim
2008 - 2011	Research Assistant to Prof. Timothy McGee
2007 - 2011	Webmaster, www.notaquadrata.ca (Prof. John Haines)
2006 - 2011	Research Assistant to Prof. John Haines
2006	Research Assistant to Prof. James Kippen.

Academic Service

Grinnell College

Peer Connections Pre-Orientation Program (PCPOP) – Faculty Adviser 2015

Artists @ Grinnell – board member

Society for Ethnomusicology

2015 Co-chair and Secretary Treasurer, Section on Improvisation 2013 Chair, Special Interest Group on Improvisation (2013-2015)

Critical Studies in Improvisation (Peer reviewed Journal)

2015 Advisory Board member

Music Performance and Teaching Recordings 2015 Starlets, Shiverbeck 2012 Near Northern Static. See Through Trio 2012 Rules, Steamboat 2011 Invocation/Transformations, Muskox 2010 Worm Songs, The Earthtones 2010 Kaleidoscope, Arkana Music 2009 Five Pieces, Muskox 2009 Lines and Spaces, See Through Trio 2009 The Path, Toronto Jazz Orchestra No Contest. Feuermusik 2008 2008 Gallantries, Muskox 2007 Our Own Devices, See Through Trio 2007 A Sea of Tiny Lights, Nathan Lawr 2007 Fever Dream, Muskox 2007 Hyprovisation, Arkana Music 2007 Caveman, Caveman Crystal Skull, Muskox 2006 with The Fembots, CBC Radio 3 2006 Dirrty Dog, The Chris Hunt Tentet with The Sea Snakes, CBC Radio 3 2005 Rivers, University of Toronto 10 O'Clock Jazz Orchestra 2004 2003 Under a Tree, Toronto Jazz Orchestra The Chris Hunt Tentet. The Chris Hunt Tentet 2002 Notable Performances 2015 with Nicole Mitchell, Herrick Chapel, Grinnell College 2014 with Dong Won Kim and Eric McIntyre at Sebring Lewis Hall, Grinnell College 2013 with Nicole Mitchell, William Parker, and Dong Won Kim at the Guelph Jazz **Festival** 2012 multiple performances at Guelph Jazz Festival as director of the Guelph Jazz Workshop multiple performances with Korean percussionist Dong Won Kim, of Yo Yo Ma's 2010 Silk Road Ensemble 2009 Guest artist with Nexus at the New Music Festival, University of Toronto Featured soloist with the Kingston Symphony Orchestra 2007 Toronto Jazz Orchestra, featuring Seamus Blake at the Royal Conservatory of 2006 Music 2005 with Lee Konitz at the Glenn Gould Studio 2005 Toronto Jazz Orchestra, featuring Kurt Elling at the Royal Conservatory of Music 2005 10 O'Clock Jazz Orchestra, featuring Kirk MacDonald 2004 10 O'Clock Jazz Orchestra, featuring Rich Perry Featured soloist with the Guelph Symphony Orchestra 2004 2003 Soloist with the Royal Conservatory Orchestra

2003	10 O'Clock Jazz Orchestra, featuring Phil Nimmons
2002	Soloist with the University of Toronto Wind Ensemble
2002	Toronto Jazz Orchestra, featuring Hugh Fraser
2001	Toronto Jazz Orchestra, featuring Phil Nimmons

Teaching

August 2012 Director, Guelph Jazz Workshop July 2011 Woodwind Faculty, The Band Camp

August 2006 Saxophone Faculty, National Music Camp of Canada November 2006 Clinician, De La Salle Band Camp in Muskoka

July 2005 Clarinet Staff, "Power Music Camp," University of Toronto

May 2005 Clinician, De La Salle College, Toronto November 2004 Clinician, De La Salle College, Toronto

October 2004 Clinician, De La Salle Band Camp in Huntsville

July/August 2003 English and Mathematics Tutor, Evergreen Tutorial Centre, Scarborough

May/June 2002 Educational Assistant, Chester Jr. PS, Toronto

2000 Private Teacher (saxophone, flute, clarinet, piano, theory): ongoing

Instruments

- saxophones (soprano, alto, tenor, baritone)
- flute