

# Mark J. Cramer

## *Clarinetist*

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### EDUCATION:

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<b>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</b>	<b>2015</b>
Doctor of Musical Arts - Clarinet Performance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognate: Music Education and Acoustics</li> <li>• Dissertation: <i>Effects of Materials on the Acoustic Properties of Clarinet Barrels</i></li> </ul>	
<b>University of Michigan</b>	<b>2011</b>
Master of Music - Clarinet Performance	
<b>Oberlin Conservatory of Music</b>	<b>2009</b>
Bachelor of Music - Clarinet Performance	

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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#### COLLEGE TEACHING

<b>Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN</b>	Fall 2018-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Professor of Clarinet           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Undergraduate Music Performance and Music Education Majors</li> <li>○ Clinician of Repertoire Class</li> <li>○ Director of the Tennessee Tech Clarinet Ensemble</li> <li>○ Member of the Cumberland Quintet               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tennessee Tech's Resident Woodwind Quintet</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Principal Clarinetist of the Bryan Symphony Orchestra</li> <li>○ Chamber Music Coach</li> <li>○ Teacher of Woodwind Techniques I &amp; II (MUS 1041-001, MUS 1042-001)</li> <li>○ Teacher of Music Appreciation (MUS 1030-008)</li> <li>○ Teacher of Supervised Teaching Experience I &amp; II (MUS 4710-004, MUS 4720-004)</li> <li>○ Teacher of Pedagogy/Literature I (MUS 3710-004)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC</b>	Fall/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-Time Lecturer of Clarinet           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sabbatical Replacement for Dr. Anthony Taylor</li> <li>○ Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Graduate/Undergraduate Music Performance and Music Education Majors</li> <li>○ Clinician at a weekly Studio Class</li> <li>○ Advisor to Teaching Assistants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- Lecturer of Clarinet 2015-2017
  - Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Graduate/Undergraduate Music Education and Music Performance Majors
  - Clinician at a weekly Studio Class
  - Chamber Music Coach
- Lecturer of Clarinet – Summer Session Summer 2013-2016
  - Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Masters in Music Education Students
- Radford University, Radford, VA** 2016-2018
  - Lecturer of Clarinet
    - Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Undergraduate Music Education and Music Therapy Majors
    - Chamber Music Coach
- Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC** 2017-2018
  - Lecturer of Clarinet
    - Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Undergraduate Music Education Majors
- Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA** 2014-2015
  - Instructor of Clarinet and Basic Musicianship
    - Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Undergraduate Music Education and Performance majors
    - Teacher of MUSC 103LR: Basic Musicianship, a course built to focus on basic music literacy skills including recognition of time and key signatures and the ability to accurately read at sight rudimentary rhythms, melodies, and harmonies
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC** 2012-2015
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant in Clarinet
    - Teacher of Applied Clarinet Lessons to Undergraduate Music Education and Music Performance majors
    - Chamber Music Coach
    - Research Assistant in the MRi (Music Research Institute)
    - Research Assistant for Maestro Conducting Technology
    - Administrative Assistant
- Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH** 2006-2009
  - Clarinet Teacher
    - Taught clarinet lessons to students enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences

#### *PRIVATE TEACHING*

- Cookeville, TN 2018-present
  - Maintain a pre-college clarinet studio for students in Putnam County and the surrounding area

Winston-Salem, NC	2017-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of North Carolina School of the Arts Community Music School, Clarinet Instructor</li> </ul>	
Greensboro, NC	2013-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moore Music Company, Clarinet Instructor</li> <li>UNCG Summer Music Camp Clarinet Instructor</li> </ul>	
Ann Arbor, MI	2009-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarinet Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught clarinet lessons to Middle and High School Students in Ann Arbor and surrounding areas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Hillside Middle School, Northville, MI	2011-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarinet Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught after-school clarinet lessons to enrolled students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Northville High School, Northville, MI	2011-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarinet Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught after-school clarinet lessons to enrolled students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Saline High School, Saline, MI	2011-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarinet Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught clarinet to enrolled students during band</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Oberlin, OH	2006-2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught clarinet lessons to Middle and High School students in Oberlin and surrounding areas</li> </ul>	
Rockford High School, Rockford, MI	2006-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarinet Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarinet instructor for Rockford High School Music Camp, Pre-Camp and Band Camps during the summer</li> <li>Gave free instruction to all section clarinetists in all ensembles throughout various times of the year</li> <li>Coached sectionals and chamber groups for District and State Solo and Ensemble and Band Festivals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## PERFORMING EXPERIENCE:

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### PROFESSIONAL

<b>Oak Ridge Symphony</b> , Oak Ridge, TN	2019-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal Clarinet</li> </ul>	
<b>Bryan Symphony Orchestra</b> , Cookeville, TN	2018-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal Clarinet</li> </ul>	
<b>Nashville Scoring Orchestra</b>	2019-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ocean Way Studio</li> <li>Sound Kitchen Studio</li> <li>Uno Mas Studio</li> <li>Session recording musician for commercial recording</li> </ul>	

<b>Nashville Symphony</b> , Nashville, TN	2018-present
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Nashville Opera</b> , Nashville, TN	2019-present
• Second Clarinet	
<b>Memphis Symphony Orchestra</b> , Memphis, TN	2019-present
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Gateway Chamber Orchestra</b> , Clarksville, TN	2018-present
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Greensboro Symphony</b> , Greensboro, NC	2013-2018
• Third/Utility Clarinet	
<b>Greensboro Opera</b> , Greensboro, NC	2012-2018
• Principal Clarinet (2017-present)	
• Second Clarinet (2012-2016)	
<b>Winston-Salem Symphony</b> , Winston-Salem, NC	2012-2018
• Guest Principal Clarinet	
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Western Piedmont Symphony</b> , Hickory, NC	2016-2018
• Guest Principal Clarinet	
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Fayetteville Symphony</b> , Fayetteville, NC	2016-2018
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Roanoke Symphony</b> , Roanoke, VA	2016-2018
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Carolina Philharmonic</b> , Pinehurst, NC	2015-2018
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Opera Roanoke</b> , Roanoke, VA	2016
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Carolina Opera</b> , Charlotte, NC	2015
• Principal Clarinet	
<b>Piedmont Opera</b> , Winston-Salem, NC	2013
• Substitute Clarinet	
<b>Tour with Eighth Blackbird</b>	2008-2009
• Tour through Cleveland, New York City, San Francisco, and Seattle	
• <i>World Premiere of live version of Steve Reich's Double Sextet</i>	
• <i>Recording submitted to Pulitzer Committee to win Reich Pulitzer Prize</i>	
<b>Youngstown Symphony</b> , Youngstown, OH	2007
• Substitute Third/Bass Clarinet	

## COLLEGIATE

University of North Carolina at Greensboro	
• Symphony Orchestra, Principal Clarinet	2013-2014
• Wind Ensemble, Principal Clarinet	2012-2013

## University of Michigan

- University Symphony Orchestra, Principal Clarinet 2010-2011
- University Philharmonia Orchestra, Principal Clarinet 2011
- Symphony Band, Principal Clarinet 2009-2010

## Oberlin Conservatory of Music

- Contemporary Music Ensemble, Principal Clarinet 2007-2009
- Oberlin Conservatory Orchestra L.A. Tour, Principal Clarinet 2009
- Chamber Orchestra, Principal Clarinet 2007-2008
- Olga Neuwirth's *Lost Highway*, Principal Clarinet 2007
  - American Premiere
- Wind Ensemble, Principal Clarinet 2006-2007

## SOLO

Tennessee Tech University Sept. 2019

- Faculty Recital

Tennessee Tech University Feb. 2019

- Faculty Recital
- Faculty Soloist with the Tennessee Tech Symphony Band

University of North Carolina at Greensboro Oct. 2017

- Faculty Recital

Radford University Oct. 2016

- Recruiting Tour Throughout Northern, VA

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- Third DMA Dissertation Recital April 2015
- Second DMA Dissertation Recital Oct. 2013
- First DMA Dissertation Recital Feb. 2013
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro Symphony Orchestra Feb. 2014
  - Debussy: *Premiere Rhapsodie*
  - Weber: *Concertino*

University of Michigan

- Master's Degree Recital Nov. 2010

Oberlin Conservatory of Music

- Senior Recital May 2009
- Junior Recital March 2008

Grand Rapids, Michigan

- Recital June 2007
- Grand Rapids Youth Symphony May 2005
  - Mozart: *Clarinet Concerto, K. 622*
- Rockford High School Wind Ensemble March 2015
  - Weber: *Concerto No. 2*

## AWARDS/HONORS:

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>University of North Carolina Greensboro</b>	2012-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Tuition Waiver and Stipend</li> <li>• Nominated: Outstanding Teacher Award</li> </ul>	2015
<b>University of Michigan</b>	2009-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship</li> </ul>	
<b>Oberlin Conservatory of Music</b>	2005-2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservatory Dean's Scholarship</li> </ul>	
<b>Brevard Music Center</b>	Summer 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Tuition Scholarship</li> </ul>	

### COMPETITIONS

<b>Semifinals: Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra Bass Clarinet Audition</b>	2017
<b>Finals: "President's Own" Marine Band Audition</b>	2016
<b>Semifinals: Detroit Symphony Orchestra Principal Clarinet Audition</b>	2014
<b>Grand Prize Winner: UNCG Young Artist Competition</b>	2013
<b>Finals: Oberlin Conservatory of Music Concerto Competition</b>	2008
<b>Finals: Brevard Music Center Concerto Competition</b>	2007
<b>Winner: Skip Gates Concerto Competition</b>	2005

## RESEARCH:

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### DISSERTATION

#### *Effects of Materials on the Acoustic Properties of Clarinet Barrels*

- Published: May 2015
- Study intended to provide empirical data to determine if Cocobolo, Mopane, Grenadilla, Delrin, and Purpleheart used to make clarinet barrels have an effect on sound quality and response
- Utilized hand-crafted barrels designed by Mark J. Cramer
- Analyzed the effects of these different materials on the harmonic spectrum and articulation profile produced by the clarinet
- Single-blind Pilot and Official Study using professional clarinetists located throughout the United States

## AFFILIATIONS:

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#### **Backun Musical Services**

- Endorsed Performing Artist
- Clinician

- Present at conferences and demonstrate and perform on Backun products including: barrels, bells, and clarinets made of Cocobolo and Grenadilla wood

#### **Légère Reeds Ltd.**

- Endorsing Artist

#### **Clarinet Jobs**

- Academic Division
  - Responsible for social media postings (Facebook, Instagram) concerning to job announcements related to academia.

#### **College Music Society**

- Member

#### **International Clarinet Association**

- Member

#### **Wake Forest Baptist Hospital**

- Arts and Health Program
  - Performer: Wake Forest Baptist Cancer Center and Children's Hospital
  - Provided therapeutic music for family and patients receiving radiation and chemotherapy.

### **MASTERCLASSES:**

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#### *PARTICIPANT*

Andrew Lowy	2014
• Principal Clarinetist with the North Carolina Symphony	
Alexander Bader	2011
• Second Clarinetist with the Berlin Philharmonic	
Michael Wayne	2010
• Second Clarinetist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra	
Russ Dagon	2010
• Former Professor of Clarinet at Northwestern University	
• Former Principal Clarinetist of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra	
Eli Eban	2008
• Professor of clarinet at Indiana University	
Steve Cohen	2006, 2007
• Professor of Clarinet at Northwestern University	
• Former Principal Clarinetist of the Louisiana Philharmonic	
Alex Klein	2006
• Former Professor of Oboe at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music	
• Former Principal Oboist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra	
Ethan Sloane	2004
• Professor of Clarinet at Boston University	

**TEACHERS:**

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Dr. Kelly J. Burke	2013-2015
Dr. Anthony Taylor	2012-2013
Mr. Daniel Gilbert	2009-2011
Mr. Richard Hawkins	2005-2009
Ms. Suzanna Dennis-Bratton	2001-2005

**RECORDINGS:**

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## Tennessee Tech University

- Recorded November, 2019
- World Premiere of works by Leroy Osmon and Amaury León Sosa

## University of North Carolina at Greensboro Wind Ensemble

- *Stories and Sanctuaries*
- World premiere recordings by Steven Bryant, Scott Lindroth, John Mackey and Joel Pucket
- Record Label – Equilibrium

## University of Michigan Symphony Band

- *Artifacts*
- Works by various University of Michigan distinguished faculty, composers in residence and alumni
- Record Label – Equilibrium

**CONFERENCES/FESTIVALS:**

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<b>National Flute Association</b>	Aug. 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recital honoring flutist and composer Valerie Coleman</li> <li>• Performing “Portraits of Langston” by Valerie Coleman</li> </ul>	
<b>International Double Reed Society</b>	June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recital: “A Decade of Innovation for Reed Trio”</li> <li>• Works by Jenny Brandon, Alyssa Morris, and Greg Danner</li> </ul>	
<b>National Flute Association (Cancelled due to COVID-19)</b>	Aug. 2020
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<b>International Clarinet Association (Cancelled due to COVID-19)</b>	June 2020
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<b>College Music Society</b>	Feb. 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recital: "A Decade of Innovation for Reed Trio"</li> <li>• Works by Jenny Brandon, Alyssa Morris, and Greg Danner</li> </ul>	
<b>Tennessee Tech Woodwind Extravaganza (Cancelled due to COVID-19)</b>	April 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarinet day, Saxophone Day, Oboe Day, Bassoon Day</li> <li>• Individual, instrument specific clinics and masterclasses</li> <li>• Vendors, repair technicians, group reading sessions</li> </ul>	
<b>Tennessee Tech All-Star Instrumental Symposium</b>	Nov. 2018, 2019, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 90 clarinetists from the Mid-State Region of Tennessee at each event</li> <li>• Full day of All-State masterclasses, fundamentals clinics, and large clarinetchoir reading and performance</li> </ul>	
<b>Tennessee Tech Festival of Winds and Percussion</b>	Feb. 2019, 2020, 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School Honor Band hosted at Tennessee Tech</li> <li>• By audition only</li> </ul>	
<b>International Clarinet Association</b>	July 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture: "Functional Fitness for the Clarinet Player"</li> <li>• Performer: Tennessee Educator and Performer Professional Clarinet Choir</li> <li>• Performer: ClarinetFest Professor's Choir</li> </ul>	
<b>Tennessee Tech Clarinet Extravaganza</b>	Jan. 2019
<b>Radford University Tri-State Chamber Winds Festival</b>	March 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chamber Music Coach</li> <li>• Provided Individual Instruction on Clarinet to Festival Participants</li> <li>• Performance on a Faculty Recital for Festival Participants and Area Residents</li> </ul>	
<b>North Carolina Music Educators Association</b>	Nov. 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017 NCMEA Professional Development Conference</li> <li>• Representative for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Backun Musical Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presenting and demonstrating Backun Musical's full line of Clarinets, Mouthpieces, and Barrels</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Separk Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Company representative</li> <li>▪ Discussing instrument rentals, purchases, and the company private lesson program with North Carolina Area Music Educators</li> <li>▪ Store located in Lewisville, NC</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The University of North Carolina at Greensboro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Representing UNCG's College of Visual and Performing Arts</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Performing with the Piedmont Wind Symphony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Section/Bass Clarinetist</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>College Band Director's National Association</b>	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNCG Wind Ensemble</li> <li>• Performer</li> </ul>	
<b>Vandoren/Buffet Clarinet Ensemble Festival</b>	2012

- Logistical Manager
- Brevard Music Festival
- Festival Participant

2007

## REFERENCES:

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### **Dr. Dennis Askew**

- School Director - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro College of Visual and Performing Arts
- Professor of Tuba, Euphonium, and Music Education
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### **Dr. Kelly J. Burke**

- Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Professor of Clarinet
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### **Dr. Kevin Gerald**

- Associate Professor of Conducting and Director of Orchestras - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
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### **Mr. Michael Haithcock**

- Director of University Bands - The University of Michigan
- Professor of Conducting
- mlhaith@umich.edu
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### **Mr. Richard Hawkins**

- Professor of Clarinet - The Oberlin Conservatory of Music
- Internationally Known Soloist and Mouthpiece Craftsman
- richard.hawkins@oberlin.edu
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### **Dr. Mary Matthews**

- Assistant Professor of Flute – Tennessee Tech University
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### **Dr. Anthony Taylor**

- Associate Professor of Clarinet - The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
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