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### **Education**

- 5/02            Artist Diploma, Organ Performance  
                 Boston Conservatory  
                 James David Christie, Jon Gillock
- 5/95            DMA Organ Performance  
                 Manhattan School of Music, New York City  
                 McNeil Robinson  
                 Helen Cohn Prize
- 6/87            MM Choral Conducting  
                 Mannes College of Music, New York City  
                 Amy Kaiser
- 83/84           Research Fellow, Yale University  
                 Project: The 16th Century Italian Madrigal  
                 Claude Palisca, Craig Monson
- 2/77            MA Piano  
                 University of Hartford, Hartt College  
                 Hartford, Connecticut
- 6/73            BA Music Education, magna cum laude  
                 Montclair State College  
                 Upper Montclair, New Jersey

### **Professional Experience**

- 9/94 to           Director of the Music Program  
present           Barnard College, Columbia University  
9/88 to           Director: Barnard-Columbia Chorus  
present
- 9/95 to           Manhattan School of Music  
present           Organ and music history faculty

## Organist/Music Director

- 9/07 to College Organist  
present Vassar College  
Poughkeepsie, New York
- 11/06 to St. Matthew & St. Timothy Episcopal Church  
8/07 26 West 84<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York, New York 10024
- 5/05 to St. Teresa R. C. Church  
10/06 44<sup>th</sup> St. and 50<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Woodside, Queens, NY
- 5/04 St. Mel R. C. Church  
5/05 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Flushing, Queens, NY
- 6/97 to All Saints Episcopal Church  
1/04 230 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10022
- 7/87 to The R. C. Church of the Epiphany  
5/97 Second Avenue at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York, New York 10010

## Courses Taught

- Barnard College Introduction to Music I (1 section)  
Introduction to Music II (1 section)  
Barnard-Columbia Chorus  
Chamber Choir
- Manhattan School of Music DMA Historical performance practice (Fall)  
Baroque Music (Spring)  
Organ (Fall, Spring)

## Publications

- January, 2010 CD *Bach the Transcendent Genius* on Meyer-Media LLC  
The Great Eighteen Chorale Preludes  
Paul Fritts Organ, Vassar College  
Poughkeepsie, NY
- August, 2008 CD *An American Idyll* on Meyer-Media LLC  
American organ music 1900-present  
E. M. Skinner/Randall Dyer organ,  
Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida
- March, 2007 CD *A Mystic in the Making* on Meyer-Media LLC  
Music of Olivier Messiaen

Aeolian-Skinner organ, Columbia University

December, 2005 CD *Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of Bach*  
Robert Thurman, narrator, Casavant organ  
Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville, TN  
Sponsored by the Tennessee Players and  
Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

May, 2005. CD *The Orpheus of Amsterdam* on CALA Records, London  
Charles B. Fisk organ, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

February, 2005 CD *Organalia 2004* SMC Records, Turin, Italy  
Sponsored by the Provincia di Torino, Italy  
Felice Bossi organ, St. Michael the Arcangel, Brosso, Italy

*Cantate, ariete a une, due e tre voci* Op. 3 by Barbara Strozzi  
Modern edition and translation  
A-R Editions, Inc.  
801 Deming Way  
Madison, Wisconsin 53717  
150 pages

January, 2001. CD of the edition released on the Dorian label

#### **Grants/Awards**

December, 2008 Time-Out New York "Best of 2008" for the Messiaen cycle.  
Spring, 2006 Masterclass-Recital Grant for Barnard and MSM students from the  
family of Jessica Reines  
Spring, 2006 New York Times Foundation matching grant for the organ program at the  
Manhattan School of Music  
Spring, 2006 Organ scholarships grant from the Gabe M. Wiener Foundation for  
Manhattan School of Music  
2004-2005 The Gabe M. Wiener Foundation, Student organ recitals,  
Union Theological Seminary  
Barnard College, 1999-2000 Bank of New York Teaching Excellence Award