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## EDUCATION

**PhD Curriculum and Instruction**, Concordia University Chicago

2016-Present

**Master of Music Education**, VanderCook School of Music, Chicago, IL

2002-2004

Emphasis: Choral/Vocal

Thesis: 20th Century Latin American Music Styles Recital

**Bachelor of Music Education**, Adventist University Of Colombia,  
Medellin, Colombia

1992-1996

Emphasis: Choral/Piano

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
DIRECTOR/CHOIR DIRECTOR

2013-PRESENT

- \* Director of curricular choirs and extra curricular vocal ensembles
- \* Oversees the music department's curriculum planning development, financial, and administrative planning

CANTORES COMMUNITY CHOIR, DOWNERS GROVE, IL  
2010-PRESENT

- \* Prepare and conduct a broad a diversity of choral literature styles.

MUSIC DIRECTOR AT HINSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2011-PRESENT

- \* Direct the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir
- \* Coordinate the church musical activities
- \* Director of HUMC concert series

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PIANO COLLABORATOR, CHOIR DIRECTOR AT DOWNERS  
GROVE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

2000-2013

- \* Directed the Treble Ensemble, "Overtones" male choir and Chamber Choir
- \* Piano Collaborator for other curricular choirs
- \* Commissioned arranger or composer for various school choral groups and special events

CHAPEL CHOIR DIRECTOR AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH IN DOWNERS GROVE, IL

2000-2011

- \* Directed the 100 members of High School ages choir
- \* Toured the US and abroad

PIANO COLLABORATOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE  
DOWNERS GROVE CHORAL SOCIETY

2000-2013

- \* Piano collaborator for rehearsals and concerts
- \* Rehearse and conducted major choral literature works such as: "Mass in C minor" by W.A. Mozart, "Requiem" by G. Faure, "Elijah" by F. Mendelssohn, "Gloria" by A. Vivaldi, and "Christmas Cantata" by D. Pinkham

PIANO COLLABORATOR FOR ANIMA SINGERS (FORMER GLEN  
ELLYN CHILDREN CHORUS)

1999-2001

- \* Piano collaborator for rehearsals and concerts

MUSIC DIRECTOR AT GREENSTONE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH, CHICAGO, IL

1998-2000

- \* Played the piano and organ for Sunday worship services and coordinated the yearly musical activities

DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES AT UNIVERSITY  
CORPORATION "LUIS AMIGO", MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA

1995-1997

- \* Directed the University Mass Choir and Chamber Singers.

CHORAL DIRECTOR AT COLOMBIAN-VENEZUELAN HIGH  
SCHOOL ACADEMY, MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA

1996-1997

- \* Directed the 10-12th grade mixed concert choir

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF  
COLOMBIA , MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA

1995-1997

- \* Taught and organized the curriculum of functional piano for music educators

### OTHER PERFORMANCES & TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- \* Active solo and chamber music pianist in various countries such as: Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Jamaica and the US.
- \* 24 years as as piano collaborator or professional and international artists, such as: Tonos Humanos, Medellin premier Chamber Choir, The Mass Choir from West Indies College, Jamaica, The VanderCook School of Music Graduate Choir, Chicago, IL, Violinists: Gilles Apa, Nicholas Kendall, Violin, Christian Howes, Jesus Florido, Adela Pena
- \* Current All-State Honor Vocal Jazz piano collaborator
- \* Founder and conductor of "In pursuit of Awesomeness" Summer Choral Camp for the Chicago area High School students (2009-Present)

- \* Conductor and piano player for various musicals in the Chicago area:  
Crazy for you, Fiddle on the Roof, Pajama Game, Once Upon a Mattress,  
The Music Man, How to Succeed in Business, Brigadoon
- \* Guest Conductor-Clinician for various High Schools and Middle Schools  
in the Chicago area
- \* Recording artist of three musical productions: " A Beat Of Me" (2004),  
Time of gratitude (2011), and "The Gift" (2017)

### COMMISSIONED COMPOSITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- \* "Overture". Orchestra and Piano Trio arrangement for Andrew University  
Symphony Orchestra (2014)
- \* "If"(SATB) Graduation premiere (2012) for Downers Grove South High  
School
- \* " Today, We Dream" (SAB) Graduation premiere (2012) for Lakeview  
Junior High
- \* "Mi Negra" Orchestral Arrangement, Alfred Publishing Co (2006)
- \* "Functional Piano for Music Educators" undergraduate curriculum.  
Adventist university of Colombia (1995)
- \* Published Choral and Instrumental arrangements and compositions  
(<https://musicspoke.com/composer/belfordhernandez>)