

Daniel W. Albertson

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Education

2025 - present	University of Kansas Lawrence, KS <i>Doctor of Musical Arts in Percussion Performance</i>
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware Newark, DE <i>Master of Music in Percussion Performance</i> <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i> <i>Member of the University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i>
2016 - 2021	Washburn University Topeka, KS <i>Bachelor of Arts in Music Education</i>

Collegiate Teaching Experience

2023 - present	Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, KS <i>Adjunct Professor of Percussion: 2023 - 2024</i> <i>Assistant Professor of Music: 2024 - present</i> <i>NAfME Faculty Advisor</i> <i>Courses taught:</i> • Percussion Ensemble • "The Howl" Athletic Bands Co-Director • Private Percussion Lessons for Undergraduate Students • Music Appreciation • Music History • Percussion Methods • Percussion Pedagogy • Percussion Literature <i>Guest Artists Hosted:</i> • Quey Percussion Duo Dr. Gene Koshinski and Dr. Tim Broschious, University of Delaware (DE) • Twin Lakes Percussion Duo Dr. Emily Salgado (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) and Jimmy Stagnitti (MI) • Dr. Caitlin Jones, Lee University (TN) • Braedon Bomgardner, Center Grove (IN) • Dr. Von Hansen, Washburn University (KS) • Dr. Nathan Siegel, Temple University (TX) • Dr. Hannah Weaver, University of Nebraska-Omaha (NE)
2025 - present	Barton County Community College Great Bend, KS <i>Adjunct Professor of Percussion</i>
2024	Washburn University Topeka, KS <i>Guest Percussion Instructor for Drum Line Camp</i>
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware Newark, DE <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i> <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i> <i>Courses taught:</i> • Percussion Share Shop • Private Lessons for Undergraduate Music Majors • Percussion Chamber Music Coaching <i>Other Responsibilities:</i> • Social Media Coordinator for the Percussion Studio • Inventory and Upkeep of Studio Gear • Scheduling Creation and Upkeep of Practice Rooms • Recruitment Touring / Outreach • Organization of Collegiate Band Percussion Section • Organization and rehearsing of Symphonic Band Percussion Section

K-12 Teaching Experience

2025	Andover High School Andover, KS <i>Guest Percussion Instructor for Summer Band Camp</i>
2024 - present	Salina Central High School Salina, KS <i>Percussion Instructor</i> Kansas All-State Percussionists: <i>Corbin Banninger, 2024 5A/6A Band: Percussion</i> <i>Julian Lundberg, 2026 Jazz Band: Drum Set</i>
2023 - 2025	Eisenhower High School Goddard, KS <i>Percussion Instructor</i>
2020, '21, '23, '24, '26 2023 - 2024	Buhler High School Buhler, KS <i>Guest Instructor for Summer Band Camp</i> <i>Percussion Instructor</i>
2023 - 2024	Ellinwood USD 355 Ellinwood, KS <i>5th - 6th Band</i> <i>7th - 8th Band</i> <i>7th - 8th Choir</i> <i>9th - 12th Band</i> <i>Music Appreciation</i>
2023	Olathe Northwest High School Olathe, KS <i>Guest Percussion Instructor for Summer Band Camp</i>
2022 - 2023	Salesianum School Wilmington, DE <i>Assistant Band Director and Percussion Instructor</i>
2021 - 2021	Shawnee Heights School District Tecumseh, KS <i>Student Teacher, 5th - 12th Instrumental Music</i>
2018 - 2021	Highland Park High School Topeka, KS <i>Percussion Instructor</i>
2017 - 2021	Topeka West High School Topeka, KS <i>Percussion Instructor</i>

Administrative Experience

2025 - present	Kansas Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society <i>President</i> <i>2026 Kansas High School All-Star Percussion Ensemble Collaboration with the Kansas Bandmasters Association</i>
2023 - 2025	<i>Secretary Host of the 2025 Kansas Day of Percussion, Kansas Wesleyan University</i>
2023 - present 2019 - 2023 2018	Sunflower Music Festival Topeka, KS <i>Festival Coordinator</i> <i>Stage Manager</i> <i>Chaperone, Blanche Bryden Institute</i>
2017 - 2019 2023 - 2026	Northeast Kansas Total Percussion Camp Topeka, KS <i>Student Counselor/Chamber Ensemble Director</i> <i>Primary Guest Artist/Teacher</i>
2020 - 2021	Washburn Student Government Association Topeka, KS <i>Communications and Marketing Director</i>
2020 - 2021	Topeka Festival Singers Topeka, KS <i>Member of the Board of Directors</i>

Select Ensemble Performing Experiences

Orchestral

2025	University of Kansas Symphony Orchestra Lawrence, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024 - present	Salina Symphony Orchestra Salina, KS <i>Substitute Section Musician, Percussion</i>

2024	Sunflower Music Festival Topeka, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2023 - 2024	Hutchinson Symphony Orchestra Hutchinson, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra Newark, DE <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2020	Topeka Symphony Orchestra Topeka, KS <i>Substitute Timpanist</i>

Wind Ensemble

2025	Great Plains Wind Symphony Hutchinson, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024 - present	Wichita Wind Symphony Wichita, KS <i>Section Leader, Percussion</i>
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware Wind Ensemble <i>Section Musician, Percussion: Spring 2022</i> <i>Principal Player, Percussion: Spring 2023</i>
2022	Delaware Winds Dover, DE <i>Substitute Section Musician, Percussion</i>

Chamber/Percussion Ensemble

2025 - present	University of Kansas Percussion Group Lawrence, KS
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group Newark, DE
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware Percussion Ensemble Newark, DE
2016 - 2021	Washburn University Percussion Ensemble Topeka, KS

Musical Theatre / Film / Entertainment

	Salina South High School Salina, KS <i>"Footloose" Drumset</i>
	Theatre Salina Salina, KS <i>"The Little Mermaid" Drumset</i>
	Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, KS <i>"Working" Drum Set</i>
	Cordelia - Directed by Tunde Kelani <i>Soundtrack by the University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra</i>
	Washburn University Theatre Topeka, KS <i>"Curtains!" Percussion</i>
	Holton High School Theatre Holton, KS <i>"Oklahoma!" (Drum Set/Percussion)</i> <i>"Bye Bye Birdie" (Drum Set/Percussion)</i>
	Topeka Civic Theatre Topeka, KS <i>"The Lion King Jr." Drum Set/Percussion</i> <i>"Mulan Jr." Drum Set/Percussion</i> <i>"The Jungle Book" Drum Set/Percussion</i> <i>"Freckleface Strawberry" Drum Set/Percussion</i> <i>"Elf" Drum Set/Percussion</i> <i>"101 Dalmatians" Drum Set/Percussion</i> <i>"She Loves Me" Drum Set/Percussion</i>

Select Recitals, Performances, Competitions, & Masterclasses/Presentations

- 2026 **Deer Creek Community Center** | Topeka, KS
Partnership between the Sunflower Music Festival and the Topeka Housing Authority
Presentation, "Jazz Drum Set and Stylistic Elements of Jazz Music"
- 2026 **National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy** | Lubbock, TX
- *Presentation, "Beyond the Major: Teaching Percussion to the Non-Traditional Percussionist"*
 - *Professionals Recital, "Saudade Fantasia" by Joey Eng*
- 2026 **Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop** | Wichita, KS
Guest soloist, "Concertpiece for Marimba and Percussion Ensemble" arr. Jason Baker | Goddard High School Percussion Group
- *February 10th, 2026 | Friends University | Wichita, KS*
 - *February 27th, 2026 | Kansas Music Educators Association | Wichita, KS*
- 2026 **Topeka 501 Professional Development Day** | Topeka, KS
Masterclass, "Pulse and Rhythm Relation", for all fine arts teachers in TPS 501

2026 Recitals, Masterclasses, and Solo Performances

- *University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Lincoln, NE*
 - *"Fix it" Masterclass*
 - *Solo Recital*
 - *University of Kansas | Lawrence, KS*
 - *"Fix It" Masterclass*
 - *University of Delaware | Newark, DE*
 - *"Out the Gate: Building Early Career Momentum" Presentation*
 - *Butler County Community College | El Dorado, KS*
 - *Guest Soloist, Percussion Studio Concert*
 - *Kansas Wesleyan University | Salina, KS*
 - *Faculty/DMA Percussion Recital*
 - *Washburn University | Topeka, KS*
 - *Soloist, "Berserker" by Caleb Pickering | Washburn Percussion Group*
 - *2026 Kansas Day of Percussion*
 - *WUPG Spring Percussion Concert*
 - *Salina South High School | Salina, KS*
 - *Soloist, "Berserker" by Caleb Pickering | Salina USD 305 student collaboration*
- 2025 **Goddard High School/Kansas Wesleyan Percussion Collaboration Concert** | Goddard, KS
Performances by:
- *Kansas Wesleyan University Percussion Ensemble*
 - *Goddard High School Percussion Group*
 - *Daniel Albertson, soloist and guest artist with Goddard High School Percussion Group*
- 2025 **Percussive Arts Society International Convention New Music/Research Performance** | Indianapolis, IN
"Strings Attached" by Eric Griswold | KNO Percussion Group
- 2025 **"Music of Akiho", University of Nebraska-Omaha** | Omaha, NE
- 2025 **University of Kansas Graduate Student Honors Concert** | Lawrence, KS
Performance of Andy Akiho's 'carTogRAPh'
- 2025 **Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop** | Wichita, KS
Clinic Session, "Auxiliary Percussion Techniques"

2025 Recitals, Masterclasses, and Solo Performances

- *Barton Community College | Great Bend, KS*
 - *Faculty Recital participant*
- *Kansas State University | Manhattan, KS*
 - *Solo Recital*
- *Wichita State University | Wichita, KS*
 - *Masterclass and Solo Recital*
- *Washburn University | Topeka, KS*
 - *Solo Recital*
- *University of Kansas | Lawrence, KS*
 - *DMA Recital*
- *Kansas Wesleyan University | Salina, KS*
 - *Faculty Recital*
- *Rome High School | Rome, GA*
 - *Masterclass, "Movement behind the Marimba"*
 - *Guest soloist, "Enigmatic Journey" by Dan Moore | Rome High School Percussion Ensemble*
- *Goddard High School | Goddard, KS*
 - *Soloist, "Concertpiece for Marimba and Wind Ensemble" by Clifton Taylore*
Goddard High School Wind Ensemble
- *Holton High School | Holton, KS*
 - *Soloist, "Concertpiece for Marimba and Wind Ensemble" by Clifton Taylor*
Holton High School Wind Ensemble

2024	Percussive Arts Society International Convention New Music/Research Performance Indianapolis, IN <i>"The Breaks" by Von Hansen KNO Percussion Group</i>
2024	Kansas Wesleyan University 7x7x7 Lecture Series Salina, KS <i>Fall 2024 Presenter, Music Department</i>
2024	Forge Young Talent of Topeka "Live Your Dream" Symposium Topeka, KS <i>Showcased life-long skills that secondary level students in Northeast Kansas can learn through participating in music classes offered through their schools</i>
2023	Deer Creek Community Center Topeka, KS <i>Partnership between the Sunflower Music Festival and the Topeka Housing Authority Presentation, "The Importance of Auxiliary Percussion Instrument in the Orchestra"</i>
2023	Naftzgers Young Artists Competition Wichita, KS <i>Semifinalist</i>
2022	PASIC Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition Indianapolis, IN <i>2nd Place Recipient "Derivative" by Jlin and "José/beFOReJOHN5" by Aurél Holló, University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i>
2022	Great Plains Marimba Competition Oklahoma City, OK <i>Semifinalist, Open Duo Category</i>
2021	PASIC Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition Indianapolis, IN <i>1st Place Recipient "Pillar IV" by Andy Akiho, University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i>
2020	Naftzgers Young Artists Competition Wichita, KS <i>Semifinalist</i>
2019	Electronic Music Festival Midwest Kansas City, KS <i>Premiere of Von Hansen's "Luminous Vortices"</i>

Adjudications and Clinician Work

2026	Missouri PAS Day of Percussion <i>Battle High School Columbia, MO</i> <i>Adjudicator, High School Small Chamber Ensemble</i>
	Wichita Suburban League Middle School Contest <i>Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, KS</i> <i>Adjudicator, Large/Small groups and Solos</i>
	NEK League Middle School Honor Band <i>Oskaloosa, KS</i> <i>Clinician for the Percussion Section</i>
2025	NCAA League Middle School Contest <i>Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, KS</i> <i>Adjudicator, Large/Small groups and Solos</i>
	Patriot League Band Festival <i>Circle Middle School Benton, KS</i> <i>Adjudicator, Large/Small groups and Solos</i>
	Washburn University Middle School Honor Band <i>Topeka, KS</i> <i>Clinician for the Percussion Section</i>
2024	NWKMEA District Jazz Band <i>Hays, KS</i> <i>Assistant Clinician</i>
	NCKMEA District Honor Band <i>Manhattan, KS</i> <i>Assistant Clinician</i>

Awards

2024	Kansas NextGenUnder30 <i>2024 recipient in the 'Adult and Higher Education' category</i>
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Professional Affiliations

National Association for Music Education
Kansas Music Educators Association
Kansas Percussive Arts Society
National Convention for Percussion Pedagogy
Percussive Arts Society
Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Other Skills

Percussion Repair
Microsoft Office
Google Workspace
Graphic Design
Social Media Management
Video Production
Adobe Creative Cloud
Apple Pro Tools

Primary Teachers

Prof. Garrett Arney, *University of Kansas*
Dr. Gene Koshinski, *University of Delaware*
Dr. Timothy Broschious, *University of Delaware*
Dr. Von Hansen, *Washburn University*
Dr. Tom Morgan, *Washburn University*
Prof. Steve Hatfield, *Wichita State University*

References (Additional References Available Upon Request)

Dr. Gene Koshinski - Professor of Percussion, University of Delaware | genek@udel.edu
Dr. Timothy Broschious - Professor of Percussion, University of Delaware | tbros@udel.edu
Dr. Von Hansen - Professor of Percussion, Washburn University | Von.hansen@washburn.edu
Dr. David Woods - Former Dean of Fine Arts: University of Connecticut, Indiana University, University of Oklahoma | dwoods6859@sbcglobal.net
Jake Montoya - Director of Athletic and Jazz Bands/Music Department Recruitment, Kansas Wesleyan University | jake.montoya@kwu.edu
Barry Evans - Director of Bands, Topeka West High School | bevans@tps501.org
Chris Reynolds - Fine Arts Coordinator, Topeka 501 School District | creynolds@tps501.org
Brian Cox - Director of Bands, Salesianum School of Delaware | bcox@salesianum.org