

# Daniel W. Albertson

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## Education

2025 - present      **University of Kansas** | Lawrence, KS  
*Doctor of Musical Arts in Percussion Performance*

2021 - 2023      **University of Delaware** | Newark, DE  
*Master of Music in Percussion Performance*  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*  
*Member of the University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group*

2016 - 2021      **Washburn University** | Topeka, KS  
*Bachelor of Arts in Music Education - Percussion Emphasis*

## Collegiate Teaching Experience

2023 - present      **Kansas Wesleyan University** | Salina, KS  
*Adjunct Professor of Percussion: 2023 - 2024*  
*Assistant Professor of Music: 2024 - present*  
*NAfME Faculty Advisor*  
  
*Courses taught:*

- Percussion Ensemble
- "The Howl" Athletic Bands Co-Director
- Private Percussion Lessons for Undergraduate Students
- Music Appreciation
- Music History
- Percussion Methods
- Percussion Pedagogy

*Guest Artists Hosted:*

- Quay Percussion Duo | Dr. Gene Koshinski and Dr. Tim Broscious, University of Delaware
- Twin Lakes Percussion Duo | Dr. Emily Salgado and Jimmy Stagnitti
- Dr. Caitlin Jones, Lee University
- Braedon Bomgardner
- Dr. Von Hansen, Washburn University

2025 - present      **Barton County Community College** | Great Bend, KS  
*Adjunct Professor of Percussion*

2021 - 2023      **University of Delaware** | Newark, DE  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*  
*UD Graduate Percussion Group*  
  
*Courses taught:*

- Percussion Share Shop
- Private Lessons for Undergraduate Music Majors
- Percussion Chamber Music Coaching

*Other Responsibilities:*

- 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  
*Guest Instructor for Band Camp*

2024 - present      **Salina Central High School** | Salina, KS  
*Percussion/Drumline Instructor*

2023 - 2025      **Eisenhower High School** | Goddard, KS  
*Percussion/Drumline Instructor*

2020 - 2024      **Buhler High School** | Buhler, KS  
*Guest Instructor for Band Camp*  
*Percussion/Drumline Instructor*

2023 - 2024

2023 - 2024	<b>Ellinwood USD 355</b>   Ellinwood, KS <i>5th - 6th Band 7th - 8th Band 7th - 8th Choir 9th - 12th Band Music Appreciation</i>
2023	<b>Olathe Northwest High School</b>   Olathe, KS <i>Guest Clinician for early summer Band Camp</i>
2022 - 2023	<b>Salesianum School</b>   Wilmington, DE <i>Assistant Band Director/Percussion Instructor</i>
2021 - 2021	<b>Shawnee Heights School District</b>   Tecumseh, KS <i>Student Teacher, 5th - 12th Instrumental Music</i>
2018 - 2021	<b>Highland Park High School</b>   Topeka, KS <i>Percussion/Drumline Instructor</i>
2017 - 2021	<b>Topeka West High School</b>   Topeka, KS <i>Percussion/Drumline Instructor</i>

### Administrative Experience

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

### Select Ensemble Performing Experiences

#### Orchestral

2025	<b>University of Kansas Symphony Orchestra</b>   Lawrence, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024 - present	<b>Salina Symphony Orchestra</b>   Salina, KS <i>Substitute Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024	<b>Sunflower Music Festival Chamber Orchestra</b>   Topeka, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2023 - 2024	<b>Hutchinson Symphony Orchestra</b>   Hutchinson, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2021 - 2023	<b>University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra</b>   Newark, DE <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2020	<b>Topeka Symphony Orchestra</b>   Topeka, KS <i>Substitute Timpanist</i>

#### Wind Ensemble

2025	<b>Great Plains Wind Symphony</b>   Hutchinson, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024 - present	<b>Wichita Wind Symphony</b>   Wichita, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>

2021 - 2023

**University of Delaware Wind Ensemble**

- *Section Musician, Percussion: Spring 2022*
- *Principal Player, Percussion: Spring 2023*

2022

**Delaware Winds** | Dover, DE

*Substitute Section Musician, Percussion*

**Chamber/Percussion Ensemble**

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*

2025

**"Music of Akiho", University of Nebraska-Omaha** | Omaha, NE

2025

**Percussive Arts Society International Convention New Music/Research Performance** | Indianapolis, IN

*"Strings Attached" by Eric Griswold | KNO Percussion Group*

2025 - present

**University of Kansas Percussion Group** | Lawrence, KS

2024

**Percussive Arts Society International Convention New Music/Research Performance** | Indianapolis, IN

*"The Breaks" by Von Hansen | KNO Percussion Group*

2021 - 2023

**University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group** | Newark, DE

2021 - 2023

**University of Delaware Percussion Ensemble** | Newark, DE

2019

**Electronic Music Festival Midwest** | Kansas City, KS

*Premiere of Von Hansen's "Luminous Vortices"*

**Musical Theatre / Film / Entertainment**

**Theatre Salina** | Salina, KS

*"The Little Mermaid" | Drumset*

**Kansas Wesleyan University** | Salina, KS

*"Working" | Drum Set*

**Cordelia - Directed by Tunde Kelani**

*Soundtrack by the University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra*

**Washburn University Theatre** | Topeka, KS

*"Curtains!" | Percussion*

**Holton High School Theatre** | Holton, KS

- *"Oklahoma!" (Drum Set/Percussion)*
- *"Bye Bye Birdie" (Drum Set/Percussion)*

**Topeka Civic Theatre** | Topeka, KS

- *"The Lion King Jr." | Drum Set/Percussion*
- *"Mulan Jr." | Drum Set/Percussion*
- *"The Jungle Book" | Drum Set/Percussion*
- *"Freckleface Strawberry" | Drum Set/Percussion*
- *"Elf" | Drum Set/Percussion*
- *"101 Dalmatians" | Drum Set/Percussion*
- *"She Loves Me" | Drum Set/Percussion*

**Select Recitals, Performances, Competitions, & Masterclasses**

2026

**Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop** | Wichita, KS

*Guest soloist with the Goddard High School Percussion Group*

**Spring 2026 Collegiate Recitals and Masterclasses**

- *University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Lincoln, NE*

2026

**Topeka 501 Professional Development Day** | Topeka, KS

*Masterclass, "Pulse and Rhythm Relation", for all fine arts teachers in TPS 501*

**Fall 2025 Collegiate Recitals and Masterclasses**

- *Kansas State University | Manhattan, KS*
- *Wichita State University | Wichita, KS*
- *Washburn University | Topeka, KS*

2025	<b>University of Kansas Graduate Student Honors Concert</b>   Lawrence, KS <i>Performance of Andy Akiho's 'carTogRAPh'</i>
2025	<b>Rome High School Percussion Ensemble Concert</b>   Rome, GA <i>Residency at Rome High School</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterclass, "Movement behind the Marimba"</li> <li>• Guest soloist on 'Enigmatic Journey' by Dan Moore</li> </ul>
2025	<b>Soloist for Clifton Taylor's "Concertpiece for Marimba and Wind Ensemble"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goddard High School   Goddard, KS</li> <li>• Holton High School   Holton, KS</li> </ul>
2025	<b>Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop</b>   Wichita, KS <i>Clinic session, "Auxiliary Percussion Techniques"</i>
2024	<b>Kansas Wesleyan University 7x7x7 Lecture Series</b> <i>Fall 2024 Participant</i>
2024	<b>Forge Young Talent of Topeka "Live Your Dream" Symposium</b>   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	<b>Naftzgers Young Artists Competition</b>   Wichita, KS <i>Semifinalist</i>
2022	<b>PASIC Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition</b>   Indianapolis, IN <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group   2nd Place Recipient</i> <i>"Derivative" by Jin and "José/beFORe JOHN5" by Aurél Holló</i>
2022	<b>Great Plains Marimba Competition</b>   Oklahoma City, OK <i>Semifinalist in the Open Duo Category</i>
2021	<b>PASIC Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition</b>   Indianapolis, IN <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group   1st Place Recipient</i> <i>"Pillar IV" by Andy Akiho</i>
2020	<b>Naftzgers Young Artists Competition</b>   Wichita, KS <i>Semifinalist, Finals canceled due to Covid-19 outbreak</i>

## Adjudications

2026	Missouri PAS Day of Percussion <i>Hosted at Battle High School   Columbia, MO</i>
2025	NCAA League Middle School Contest <i>Hosted at Kansas Wesleyan University   Salina, KS</i>
	Patriot League Band Festival <i>Hosted at Circle Middle School   Benton, KS</i>

## Awards

2024	<b>Kansas NextGenUnder30</b> <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**

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

### **References** (Additional References Available Upon Request)

**Dr. Gene Koshinski** - Professor of Percussion, University of Delaware | [genek@udel.edu](mailto:genek@udel.edu)  
**Dr. Timothy Broscious** - Professor of Percussion, University of Delaware | [tbro@udel.edu](mailto:tbro@udel.edu)  
**Dr. Von Hansen** - Professor of Percussion, Washburn University | [Von.hansen@washburn.edu](mailto:Von.hansen@washburn.edu)  
**Dr. David Woods** - Former Dean of Fine Arts: University of Connecticut, Indiana University, University of Oklahoma | [dwoods6859@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwoods6859@sbcglobal.net)  
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