

Daniel W. Albertson

Percussionist | Music Educator | Festival Coordinator

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Education

- August 2025 - present **University of Kansas** | Lawrence, Kansas
Doctor of Musical Arts in Percussion Performance
- May 2023 **University of Delaware** | Newark, Delaware
Master of Music in Percussion Performance
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Member of the University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group
- May 2021 **Washburn University** | Topeka, Kansas
Bachelor of Arts in Music Education - Percussion Emphasis

Collegiate Teaching Experience

- 2023 - present **Kansas Wesleyan University** | Salina, Kansas
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*
- 2025 - present **Barton County Community College** | Great Bend, Kansas
Adjunct Professor of Percussion
- 2021 - 2023 **University of Delaware** | Newark, Delaware
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 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 <i>Guest Instructor for Band Camp</i>
2024 - present	Salina Central High School Salina, KS <i>Percussion/Drumline Instructor, 9th - 12th grades</i>
2023, 2024	Eisenhower High School Goddard, KS <i>Percussion/Drumline Instructor, 9th - 12th grades</i>
2020 - 2024	Buhler High School Buhler, KS <i>Guest Instructor for Band Camp ('20, '21, '23, '24)</i> <i>Percussion/Drumline Instructor, 9th - 12th grades ('23, '24)</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 Clinician for early summer Band Camp</i>
2022 - 2023	Salesianum School Wilmington, DE <i>Assistant Band Director/Percussion Instructor, 9th - 12th grades</i>
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/Drumline Instructor, 9th - 12th grades</i>
2017 - 2021	Topeka West High School Topeka, KS <i>Percussion/Drumline Instructor, 9th - 12th grades</i>

Administrative Experience

Sunflower Music Festival | Topeka, KS

2023 - present	<i>Festival Coordinator</i>
2019 - 2023	<i>Stage Manager</i>
2018	<i>Chaperone, Blanche Bryden Institute</i>

Performing Experience

Orchestral

2025	Salina Symphony Orchestra Salina, KS <i>Substitute Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024	Sunflower Music Festival Chamber Orchestra Topeka, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2023 - 2024	Hutchinson Symphony Orchestra Hutchinson, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2021, 2022	University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra <i>Section Musician, Percussion: Fall 2021</i> <i>Section Musician, Percussion: Fall 2022</i>
2020	Topeka Symphony Orchestra Topeka, KS <i>Substitute Timpanist</i>
2018	Kansas Music Educators Association Intercollegiate Orchestra <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2016 - 2020	Washburn University Symphony Orchestra <i>Principal Player, Percussion: 2016-2020</i>
2017	Washburn University Chamber Orchestra <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>

Wind Ensemble

2024 - present	Great Plains Wind Symphony Hutchinson, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2024 - present	Wichita Wind Symphony Wichita, KS <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2022, 2023	University of Delaware Wind Ensemble <i>Section Musician, Percussion: Spring 2022</i> <i>Principal Player, Percussion: Spring 2023</i> <i>Performance at the WASBE Conference in Prague, Czech Republic: Summer 2022</i> <i>Collaborative performance with the West Point Military Band: Spring 2023</i> <i>High School Performance Tour: Spring 2023</i> <i>Performance of Viet Cuong's "Re(new)al" Percussion Concerto: Spring 2023</i>
2022	Delaware Winds Dover, DE <i>Substitute Section Musician, Percussion</i>
2019	Kansas Music Educators Association Intercollegiate Band <i>Section Musician, Percussion</i>

2016 - 2020 **Washburn University Wind Ensemble**
Principal Player, Percussion: 2017-2020
Performance at Kansas Music Educators Association in 2017 and 2020

Jazz / World

2021 - 2023 **University of Delaware World Percussion Ensemble**

2021 - 2023 **University of Delaware Steel Band**

2016 - 2021 **Washburn University Jazz Band 1**
Rhythm Section Musician, Drum Set

2019 - 2020 **Kings of Swing Big Band | Topeka, KS**
Substitute Drum Set Player

2019 **Kansas City Civic Orchestra**
Performance of "The Nutcracker Suite"

2019 **Moon City Big Band | Kansas City, KS**
Substitute Drum Set Player

2019 - 2020 **785 Big Band | Topeka, KS**
Substitute Drum Set Player

Choir

2019 **Washburn University Choir**
Tenor/Baritone

Solo/Chamber

2024 **Percussive Arts Society International Convention 2024**
"The Breaks" by Dr. Von Hansen | New Music/Research Performance

2021 - 2023 **University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group**
Performance Highlights - Performance with Michael Burritt, University of Delaware Interactive Percussion Seminar: Spring 2023
Performance of Viet Cuong's "Re(new)al" Percussion Concerto: Spring 2023

2021 - 2023 **University of Delaware Percussion Ensemble**
Performance Highlight - Premier of David Gordon's "The (Mis)Remembered Geography of My Percussive Motherland": Spring 2023

2019 **Electronic Music Festival Midwest | Kansas City, KS**
Premier of Dr. Von Hansen's "Luminous Vortices"

2017 - 2019 **Washburn University Jazz Combo 1**

2016 **Washburn University Jazz Combo 2**

2016 - 2021 **Washburn University Percussion Ensemble**

Musical Theatre / Film / Entertainment

2024	Theatre Salina Salina, KS <i>"The Little Mermaid" Drumset</i>
2024	Kansas Wesleyan University Salina, KS <i>"Working" Drum Set</i>
2021	Cordelia - Directed by Tunde Kelani <i>Soundtrack by the University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra</i>
2019	Washburn University Theatre Topeka, KS <i>"Curtains!" Percussion</i>
2019, 2021	Holton High School Theatre Holton, KS <i>"Oklahoma!" (Drum Set/Percussion)</i> <i>"Bye Bye Birdie" (Drum Set/Percussion)</i>
2017 - 2019	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>

Marching/Athletic Bands

2016 - 2020	Washburn University Marching Band <i>Section Leader, 2018 & 2019</i> <i>Social Media Manager, 2020</i>
2016 - 2020	Washburn Basketball Band

Recitals, Competitions, & Masterclasses

2025	Rome High School Percussion Ensemble Concert Rome, GA <i>Residency at Rome High School</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Masterclass, "Movement behind the Marimba"- Guest soloist on 'Enigmatic Journey' by Dan Moore
2025	Kansas Wesleyan University Faculty Recital Salina, KS <i>Works by Alexej Gerassimez, Ivan Trevino, John Psathas, Gene Koshinski, Benjamin Hausman, and Daniel Albertson</i>
2025	Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop Wichita, KS <i>Clinic session - Auxiliary Percussion Techniques</i>
2024	Kansas Wesleyan University 7x7x7 Lecture Series <i>Fall 2024 Participant</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>
2024	Kansas Wesleyan University Faculty Recital Salina, KS <i>Works by Ivan Trevino, Emmanuel Sejourne, Gene Koshinski, Paul Smadbeck, Nicholas Martynciow, and Casey Cangelosi</i>
2024	Ellinwood USD 355 Faculty Recital Ellinwood, KS <i>Works by Ivan Trevino, Emmanuel Sejourne, Gene Koshinski, Paul Smadbeck, Nicholas Martynciow, and Casey Cangelosi</i>
2023	University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Recital Newark, DE <i>Works by Andy Akiho, Mark Glentworth, Cody Holmes, Peter Klatzow, Thomas Kotcheff, and Anthony Dake</i>
2023	Kansas Performance Tour <i>Presented 12 concerts at 11 locations within the state of Kansas during the University of Delaware’s spring break</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water’s Edge Community Center in Hesston, Buhler HS, Jefferson County North HS, Highland Park HS, Atchison County Community Jr/Sr. HS, Goddard-Eisenhower HS, University of Kansas, Andover HS, Ross Elementary, Goddard HS, Seaman HS
2023	Naftzgers Young Artists Competition Wichita, KS <i>Semifinalist</i>
2022	PASIC Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition Indianapolis, IN <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i> <i>“Derivative” by Jlin and “José/beFORe JOHN5” by Aurél Holló</i>
2022	Performance Tour, University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group <i>Gave performances and masterclasses to high schools in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania</i>
2022	Great Plains Marimba Competition Oklahoma City, OK <i>Semifinalist in the Open Duo Category</i>
2021	Performance Tour, University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group <i>Gave performances and masterclasses to high schools in Delaware and Pennsylvania</i>
2021	PASIC Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition Indianapolis, IN <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group “Pillar IV” by Andy Akiho</i>
2021	Pennsylvania Snare Drum Clinic & Competition Shippensburg University, PA <i>Performed “Tchik” by Nicholas Martynciow</i>
2021	Kansas Day of Percussion Online <i>-Collegiate Snare Drum Competition, 2nd place</i> <i>-Collegiate Mallet Competition, 3rd place</i>
2021	Third Coast Percussion Masterclass Washburn University, KS <i>Performed as soloist on “Marimba Spiritual” with the Washburn Percussion Group for Third Coast Percussion</i>

2020	Washburn University Senior Percussion Recital <i>Works by Iannis Xenakis, Askeel Másson, Emmanuel Séjourné, Elliot Carter, and Eric Ewazen</i>
2020	Goddard-Eisenhower High School Masterclass Goddard, KS <i>Presented a masterclass to percussion students on the importance of being well versed in all areas of percussion</i>
2020	Washburn University Online Percussion Recital <i>Works by Ivan Trevino, Emmanuel Séjourné, Nicholas Martynciow, and Paul Smadbeck</i>
2020	Naftzgers Young Artists Competition Wichita, KS <i>Semifinalist, Finals canceled due to Covid-19 outbreak</i>
2019	Shawnee County Performance Tour <i>Performed and gave masterclasses at 9 Shawnee County, KS area high schools</i> - Topeka HS, Topeka West HS, Hayden HS, Highland Park HS, Royal Valley HS, Holton HS, Jackson Heights HS, Seaman HS, Washburn Rural HS
2019	Kansas Day of Percussion Lawrence, KS -Collegiate Snare Drum Competition, 1st place -Featured Soloist with the Washburn Percussion Ensemble -Performance with Sō Percussion, Kansas All-Star Percussion Ensemble
2019	Washburn University Honors Concert <i>Performed "Rose of Sharon" by Andrew Beall Rose Taylor, Cello</i>
2019	Washburn University Junior Percussion Recital <i>Works by Nicholas Martynciow, Michael Burritt, Daniel Albertson, J.S. Bach, Andrew Beall, and Jacques Delécluse</i>
2018	Kansas Day of Percussion Wichita, KS <i>Collegiate Mallet Competition competitor</i>
2018	Washburn University Honors Concert <i>Performed "Virginia Tate" by Paul Smadbeck</i>
2018	Washburn University Sophomore Percussion Recital <i>Works by Jesse Monkman, Paul Smadbeck, Ivan Trevino, Howard Buss, and Daniel Albertson</i>

Audio/Video Recording

2021	Personal Portfolio <i>Madeira River - Philip Glass (Performer, Video Editing)</i>
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Scholarships & Awards

2024	Kansas NextGenUnder30 <i>2024 recipient in the 'Adult and Higher Education' category</i>
2021 - 2023	University of Delaware <i>Graduate Teaching Assistantship</i>

2022	Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) Indianapolis, IN <i>Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition Runner-Up</i> <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i>
2021	Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) Indianapolis, IN <i>Concert Chamber Percussion Ensemble Competition Winner</i> <i>University of Delaware Graduate Percussion Group</i>
2021	Who's Who at Washburn University <i>Given annually to students nominated by faculty or staff on campus. The students must perform well academically, be engaged in campus life, be actively involved in community service and show leadership initiative.</i>
2020	Kansas Music Educators Association <i>Don and JoAnne Corbett Scholarship</i>
2018 - 2019	Washburn University Department of Music <i>Most Outstanding Music Major of the Year Award</i>
2017 - 2021	Kappa Sigma Fraternity Gamma-Nu Chapter, Washburn University <i>Dr. John W. Ryan Leadership Scholarship Award (2019, 2020)</i> <i>Donald C. Dilley Jr. Leadership Scholarship Award (2019, 2020)</i> <i>Outstanding Grand Scribe Award (2018)</i> <i>Outstanding Grand Master Award (2021)</i> <i>Gamma-Nu Scholarship (2017-2020)</i> <i>Gamma-Nu Award for Academic Excellence (2018)</i>
2016 - 2021	Washburn University <i>Music Department Scholarship</i> <i>Education Department Scholarship</i> <i>Academic Scholarship</i> <i>President's List (7 Semesters)</i> <i>Dean's List (3 Semesters)</i>

Primary Teachers

2025 - present	Prof. Garrett Arney , <i>University of Kansas</i>
2021 - 2023	Dr. Gene Koshinski , <i>University of Delaware</i>
2021 - 2023	Dr. Timothy Broschious , <i>University of Delaware</i>
2019 - 2021	Dr. Von Hansen , <i>Washburn University</i>
2016 - 2019	Dr. Tom Morgan , <i>Washburn University</i>

Additional Private Study

2013 - 2016	Steve Hatfield <i>Private Drum Set Teacher Wichita State University Wichita, KS</i>
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Other Music Employment/Involvement

Kansas Percussive Arts Society

2025 - present	President
2023 - 2025	Secretary

Host of the 2025 Kansas Day of Percussion | Kansas Wesleyan University | Salina, KS

Topeka 501 School District | Topeka, KS

2020	<i>Music Library Office Data Recorder</i>
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Northeast Total Percussion Camp | Topeka, KS

2017 - 2019	<i>Student Counselor/Chamber Ensemble Director</i>
2023 - 2025	<i>Primary Guest Artist/Teacher</i>

Coleman Hawkins Jazz Camp | Topeka, KS

2017 - 2019	<i>Student Counselor/Drum Set Instructor</i>
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Additional Leadership and Board Positions

2017 - 2021	Kappa Sigma Fraternity: Gamma-Nu Chapter <i>Grand Master (President, 2020)</i> <i>Grand Master of Ceremonies (Executive Council, 2019)</i> <i>Grand Scribe (Executive Council, 2018)</i> <i>Campus Involvement Chairman (2017)</i> <i>Public Relations Chairman (2021)</i>
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2020 - 2021	Washburn Student Government Association <i>Communications and Marketing Director</i>
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2020 - 2021	Topeka Festival Singers <i>Member of the Board of Directors</i>
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Professional Affiliations

National Association for Music Education

Kansas Music Educators Association

Kansas Percussive Arts Society

Percussive Arts Society

Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Other Skills

Microsoft Word

Microsoft Excel

Microsoft PowerPoint

Google Workspace

Graphic Design

Social Media Management

Video Production

Adobe Creative Cloud

Apple Pro Tools

Non-Musical Employment

2017 - 2021 **Topeka Country Club** | Topeka, KS

2021 - 2023 **Longhorn Steakhouse** | Topeka, KS and Bear, DE

References (Additional References Available Upon Request)

Dr. Gene Koshinski - Professor of Percussion, University of Delaware
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Dr. Timothy Broschious - Professor of Percussion, University of Delaware
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Dr. Von Hansen - Professor of Percussion, Washburn University
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Dr. David Woods - Former Dean of Fine Arts:
University of Connecticut, Indiana University, University of Oklahoma
Past President, Sunflower Music Festival
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Jake Montoya - Director of Athletic and Jazz Bands, Music Department recruitment
Kansas Wesleyan University
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Barry Evans - Director of Bands, Topeka West High School
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