

Rachel L. Sze

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Education and Certifications

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, May 2017

- Bachelor of Music in Music Education (Graduated with High Honors 3.93 GPA)
- Honors College requirements fulfilled

Standard Michigan Teaching Certificate, Michigan Department of Education

- Valid May 2017 – June 2023
- Secondary, Music Education (JQ) K – 12

Standard Professional 1 Certificate (SPC1), Maryland State Department of Education

- Valid July 2017 – June 2022
- Music PreK – 12

Adult and Child First Aid/CPR/AED, American Red Cross

- Valid March 2017 to March 2019

Teaching Experience

Colonel Zadok A. Magruder High School, Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, MD

Music Department Chair, 2019 – Present

Instrumental Music Director, August 2017 – Present

- Taught classes including Concert Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and AP Music Theory.
- Managed show design, instruction, and all logistics for The Marching Colonels, Colonel Zadok A. Magruder High School's marching band as an extra-curricular activity for students involved in the music department.
- Conductor and Music Director of Pit Orchestra for spring musical production.

Montgomery County Senior Honors Band, Rockville, MD

Preparatory Conductor, 2019 – 2020

- Conducted and rehearsed an honors band made up of tenth through twelfth graders selected by highly-competitive audition
- 2019 Repertoire included Armenian Dances Part I by Alfred Reed, Black Granite by James Hosay, Transcendent Journey by Rossano Galante, O Magnum Mysterium Arr. H. Robert Reynolds, and Danzas Cubans by Robert Sheldon

George N. Parks Drum Major Academy, Various Locations

Instructor, Summer 2014 – Present

- Taught groups varying in size including one-on-one, twenty-student break-out conducting sessions, and five-hundred student lectures.
- Provided lessons and guidance on leadership, pedagogy, and conducting to high school students training to become drum majors with their high school band.
- Worked with other professional staff to revise and refine curricula between and during summers to better integrate technology and optimize new strategies to increase student success.

Washington Brass Institute Summer Boot Camp, Rockville, MD

Euphonium Instructor, Summer 2019 – Present

- Worked with euphonium, tuba, and trombone students in chamber ensembles, small ensembles, and one on one.
- Coached ensembles, masterclasses, and full rehearsals. Taught students how to listen critically, communicate, and run their own effective rehearsals.
- Modeled performance on the euphonium.

Related Teaching Experience

Private Euphonium Lessons Instructor, Various Locations	October 2014 – Present
Substitute Teacher, EDU Staff, Greater Lansing Area, MI	May 2017 – June 2017
Student Teacher in Instrumental Music, Hayes Middle School, Grand Ledge, MI	January 2017 – May 2017
Guest Conductor, Meridian Community Band, Okemos, MI	March 2017 – May 2017
Band Camp Instructor, Quince Orchard High School Marching Band Gaithersburg, MD	Summers 2014 – 2015
IMPACT Team, George N. Parks Drum Major Academy Various Locations	Summers 2012 – 2013
Band Camp Instructor, Paint Branch High School Marching Band Burtonsville, MD	Summer 2013

Conducting Symposiums

Michigan State University - 2017

Honors and Awards

Michigan State University (Highlights)

Nominee, Featherstone Award for Outstanding Graduating Michigan State Seniors
Committee Member, Michigan State Sexual Violence Advisory Committee, representing The Spartan Marching Band and The College of Music
The Walter Adams Scholarship for Leadership in the Spartan Marching Band
Emil G. & Doris E. Ellis Family Endowed Scholarship in Music Education
Paul and Mavis Pitzer Endowed Scholarship for Urban Teaching
MSU Music Performance Merit Scholarship (All Semesters in Attendance)
Alumni Distinguished Scholarship Semi-Finalist

Professional Organizations

National Association for Music Education; Maryland Music Educators Association; Michigan Music Education Association; Alumni Member, Tau Beta Sigma, National Band Sorority (Former Two-Year Treasurer, Zeta Epsilon Chapter, Michigan State University), Montgomery County Music Educators Association (Committee Chair on Instrument Return and Cleaning during COVID-19)

References

Available Upon Request