

Jim Spigner, PCCS Band Director

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Education:

Michigan State University (MSU) – 2011-2013, Doctoral work in Saxophone Performance

-Studied under Joseph Lulloff

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) – 2009-2011, MM in Saxophone Performance

-Studied under Debra Richtmeyer

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – 2005-2009, BM in Saxophone Performance

-Studied under Debra Richtmeyer

Vernon Hills High School – 2001-2005

Studied under Jim Kasprzyk starting in 5th grade through high school

Teaching Experience:

Prairie Crossing Charter School Band Director—since 2017

Vernon Hills and Libertyville High School private saxophone instructor—since 2017

Woodwind Instructor at Prairie Crossing Charter School – since 2014

Masterclass saxophone instructor for Round Lake Middle School saxophones – since 2015

Spartan Youth Wind Symphony – 2012-2013

-Coach for Saxophone section and Honors Saxophone Quartet

-Symphony comprised of 50 high school students; acceptance through auditions

Hawthorn School Music Camp – 2007, 2010-2012

-Saxophone Instructor and Music Theory teacher—both individual and group lessons

-Two week camp comprised of students grades 5 through 9

Private Lesson Instructor for children grades 4 through 12 – since 2008

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – 2010-2011

-Taught four masterclasses for undergraduate students in the UIUC studio

Performances:

MSU Symphony Orchestra – Alto Saxophone – April 2012

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church – Alto Saxophone – April 2012

MSU Doctoral Recital – Alto, Bari Saxophones – April 2012

Chamber Music Recital – Bari Saxophone – February 2012

Detroit Auto Show Charity Banquet with West Circle Saxophone Quartet –Bari Saxophone –December 2011

MSU Donor's Banquet with West Circle Saxophone Quartet – Bari Saxophone – November 2011

UIUC Philharmonic Orchestra in Leonard Bernstein's *On the Waterfront* Suite – Alto Saxophone – April 2011

UIUC Masters Recital – Alto Saxophone – April 2011

Illinois New Music Ensemble with saxophone quartet – Bari Saxophone – November 2010

Vernon Hills High School Guest Recital – Bari, Soprano Saxophones – September 2010

Illinois New Music Ensemble in a chamber group – Tenor Saxophone – February 2009

UIUC Wind Symphony Illinois Tour stopping at three high schools, culminating in a performance at Orchestra Hall in Chicago, IL – Tenor Saxophone – December 2008

Illinois New Music Ensemble as a duet – Bari Saxophone – March 2008

UIUC Undergraduate Recitals – Soprano, Alto, Tenor Saxophone – April of 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009

Northwestern University— Alexander Glazounov's *Concerto* transcribed for Alto saxophone and saxophone quartet accompaniment as the soloist – Alto Saxophone – March 2005

Master Classes throughout college career:

- Taimur Sullivan, 2011
- Nobuya Sugawa, 2010
- Frederick Hemke, 2009
- William Street, 2008
- Jean-Marie Londeix, 2008
- Jean-Michel Goury, 2007

Honors:

- Finalist in MTNA National Chamber Ensemble Competition with Echo Saxophone Quartet – March 2013
- Semi-Finalist in Fischhoff National Chamber Competitions with Echo Saxophone Quartet—May 2013
- Finalist in North American Saxophone Alliance (NASA) national quartet competition – March 2012
 - Competed with the West Circle Saxophone Quartet
- Finalist in North American Saxophone Alliance national soloist competition – March 2010
- Quarterfinalist in Fischhoff National Chamber Competition with Hiding Jam Saxophone Quartet – May 2009
- Talented Band Student Scholarship all four years of undergraduate study at UIUC – 2006 to 2010

Activities:

- Member of the UIUC Wind Symphony (top concert band) 2005 – 2011
 - Co-principle saxophonist in 2009
- Member of North American Saxophone Alliance since 2005
- Member of many different saxophone quartets throughout college career
- Member of the Chicago Saxophone Quartet—since 2016
- Member of the North Suburban Wind Ensemble—since 2016
- Judge for Solo and Ensemble Competitions—various sites—since 2016

Presentations and Conferences:

- Performing closing concert for the 2017 NASA Region V Conference with Chicago Saxophone Quartet – Fort Wayne, IN
- Participated in the 2012 NASA Biennial Convention – Phoenix, AZ
 - Finalist in quartet competition with West Circle Saxophone Quartet
 - Performed Martin Bresnick's "Every Thing Must Go" for Saxophone Quartet
- Participated in the 2011 Region V NASA Convention – Chicago, IL
 - Performed Christian Lauba's *Jungle*
- Participated in the 2010 NASA Biennial Convention – Athens, GA
 - Finalist in solo competition
 - Performed world premiere of Keith Murphy's *Ahimsa II* with Hiding Jam Saxophone Quartet
 - Performed world premieres of Stephen Taylor's *World Without Words* and Erik Lund's *Foci* with UIUC Saxophone Ensemble
- Participated in the 2008 NASA Biennial Convention – Columbia, SC
 - Competed in the solo and quartet competition
 - Quartet presented William Albright's *Fantasy Etudes*
- Participated in the 2005 Region V NASA Convention – Chicago, IL
 - Performed Paul Bonneau's *Caprice en Forme de Valse*

Recordings:

- UIUC Saxophone Ensemble "World Without Words" CD
 - Released in November 2009 by Mark Records- available for purchase online
 - Alto sax on *Ahimsa II*
 - Tenor sax on *World Without Words*, *Foci*, and *Awakening*
- New Music Ensemble archived performance recordings online
 - Baritone sax on *Duo Sonata* by Sofia Gubaidulina in 2009 and *Trois Visions Tantriques* by Carlos Michans in 2011
 - Tenor sax on *The Exorcist* by Andrew Waggoner in 2011