ALMOND SEE PONGE

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

DMA in Piano Performance 2018 - August 2024

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC Doctoral minors: Piano Pedagogy, Music Theory

Professors: Philip Bush, Charles Fugo

Graduate Certificate in Piano Performance 2015 – 2017

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC

Professors: Marina Lomazov, Charles Fugo

MM in Piano Performance 2013 – 2015

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY, Rock Hill, SC

Professors: Matthew Manwarren, Eugene Barban

BM in Piano Performance 2007 – 2013

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS, Manila, Philippines

Magna cum laude; Professor: Perla Suaco

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR OF PIANO

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

Spring 2023, 2024

- Sabbatical replacement
- Prepare student recitals, studio class, studio recital
- Organize masterclasses and officiate semester piano jury

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2021 - May 2024

- Teaching assistantship
- Teach undergraduate secondary piano, 4 students
- Prepare students for studio class, recital, and end-of-semester jury

Center for Piano Studies

2016 - 2017, 2018 - May 2024

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

- Private instruction for students aged 7-85
- Group Piano instructor for Young Artist Repertoire and Time to Begin Classes
- Preparation for recitals, adjudication, and exams (RCM, state auditions)

Carolina Summer Music Conservatory

2021, 2023

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

- Piano faculty, Summer camp for pre-college musicians
- Duties include coaching and preparing student for end of program recital

PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR

- Private instruction for a total of at least 30 pre-college students
- Prepared students for semi-annual recitals and showcases

Freeway Music, Columbia, SC	2017 – present
Sims Music, Columbia SC	2017 – 2018
Rice Music House, Columbia SC	2017 – 2018

TEACHING ASSISTANT, MUSIC THEORY

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

2013 - 2014

- Graduate Assistantship
- Duties include substitute teaching for undergraduate classes in include theory, aural skills, and basic musicianship
- Other duties include checking of papers and weekly study sessions for music theory and aural skills

AWARDS (SELECTED)

USC School of Music Concerto-Aria Competition Graduate Division/At-Large Winner Columbia, SC	2023
North International Music Competition Second Prize Stockholm, Sweden	2023
Franz Liszt Center International Piano Competition Second Prize La Nucia, Spain	2022
Rocky Mountain Keyboard Competition Second Prize Toronto, Canada	2022
Tiziano Rossetti International Music Competition First Prize Lugano, Switzerland	2022
Charleston International Music Competition Second Prize Charleston, South Carolina	2022
VI Future Stars Competition Fourth Prize Hartford, Connecticut	2022

Lams Matera Award First Prize Matera, Italy	2022
Canadian International Music Competition First Prize Toronto, Canada	2022
Danubia Talents International Music Competition Absolute First Prize, divided Budapest, Hungary	2021
Royal Sound Music Competition Grand Prize Quebec, Canada	2021
International Art Contest, Adria Art Festival Grand Prix Novo Mesto, Slovenia	2021
Charleston Contemporary Music Competition First Prize Charleston, SC	2021
Marker and Pioneer International Music Competition Second Prize Los Angeles, CA	2021
American Virtuoso International Music Competition Honorable Mention, among over 300 participants Washington, DC	2021
Piano Teaching Assistantship University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	2021 – May 2024
Choral Assistantship University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	2018 – 2022
Accompanying Assistantship University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	2015 – 2019
MTNA Young Artist Piano Competition South Carolina Division Winner	2016
Choral Singing Scholarship University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	2015 – 2016
Accompanying Assistantship Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC	2014 – 2015

MTNA Young Artist Piano Competition Honorable Mention, Rock Hill, SC	2014
Melle Beach Casey Award Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC	2014
Music Theory Assistantship Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC	2013 – 2014
Santo Domingo A Scholarship University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines	2010 – 2013
University of Santo Tomas Chopin Piano Competition University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines Third Prize	2010

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (PIANO)

SOLO (SELECTED)

Featured Composers in Recent Recitals

Carl Vine, Nikolai Medtner, Nikolai Kapustin, Antonio Molina, Milosz Magin William Albright, Antonino Buenaventura, Francisco Buencamino, Jerod Tate, Lucrecia Kasilag, Ramon Santos, Lucio San Pedro, Alfredo Buenaventura

Covenant Baptist Church, Lancaster, SC August 2024

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC March 2024

Rising Stars: Featuring Winners of the 2023-24 Concerto-Aria Competition

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC April 2023

Lecture-Recital on Commissioned Filipino Competition Pieces in the National Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA)

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC September 2022

AVIMC Winners' Concert, Washington, DC July 2022

Benefit Concert, Chopin Foundation February 2022

Hartford, Connecticut

Southeastern Piano Festival (SEPF), Columbia, SC 2017, 2020 - 2024

Performer, SEPF on the Road

Ascension Lutheran Church, Charlotte, NC 2020

Main Street UMC, Columbia, SC 2020

Columbia First Adventist Church, Lexington, SC 2019

Ashland UMC, St. Andrews, SC 2019

University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines 2018

Philippine premiere, Medtner Sonata Op. 39 No. 5

Rice Music House, Sandhills, SC	2017
Morning Music Club, Lexington, SC	2017
Greene Street UMC, Columbia, SC	2017
Afternoon Music Club, Columbia SC	2017
Still Hopes Retirement Home, West Columbia, SC	2016
Symphony League, Sandhills, SC	2016
St. Stephen's Parish, Manila, Philippines	2015
Bravo Filipino, Pasig City, Philippines Radio guest	2015
PhilAm Life Theater, Manila Philippines Solo recital with Manila Symphony Orchestra, Chopin Concerto No. I in E minor	2013
Paco Park Presents: Best of PTGP, Manila, Philippines Philippine National TV Program, participating performer	2011
Ateneo de Zamboanga, Zamboanga City, Philippines	2008

ENSEMBLE / ACCOMPANYING (SELECTED)

ACDA at USC Summer Reading Session, Columbia SC	August 2024
Summer Conducting Workshop, USC, Columbia SC Choral Conducting Assisting Pianist	June 2024
Pirates of Penzance Sing-A-Long Columbia Operatic Laboratory, Columbia SC Assisting Artist for Rehearsal and Performance	October 2023
Chamber Music Recital. Columbia, SC with Viola and Clarinet, featuring Mozart K. 498	April 2023
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC Participated in Zulu Bailey Masterclass	2022
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC Accompanying/Choral Assistantship	2016 - 2022

- Rehearsal and performance pianist for USC Men's and Women's Chorus, and **Concert Choir**
- Accompanist for various solo and studio instrument recitals, as well as middle school and high school choral clinics.
- Performances at the **SCMEA** (South Carolina Music Teachers Association), local high schools (Charleston SC)
- Rehearsal pianist for a world premiere of a requiem by Will Todd (Requiem Gravare)

Carolina Summer Music Conservatory

2016 - 2017, 2023

Pre-college. Accompanist for solo instruments and chamber groups for both rehearsal and performances

Angel Band by Timothy Powell, Tim Sharp, Aiken, SC

University of South Carolina Concert Choir	2015 - 2019
 Choir member, tenor. soloist on select performances 	
 Local tours include Seattle, WA and Charleston, SC 	
 International tours include Amsterdam, Netherlands; 	Trier and Cologne,
Germany; Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, and Pari	is, France
Suzuki Strings at USC	2016 – 2017
 Accompanist for solo instruments and chamber groups for and performances 	both rehearsal
 Middle school through high school students 	
Sampung Mga Daliri, Atbp., Manila, Philippines	2008 - 2013
 Part of 10-piano ensemble, performing arranged and origin composers with choir and/or orchestra. 	al works by local
 Performed at the Cultural Center of the Philippines 	
Working – The Musical!, Irmo, SC • Repetiteur and accompanist	2016
Annie Get Your Gun. Fort Mill. SC	2016

Piano Teachers Guild of the Philippines: Forte @ 40, Manila, Philippines

• Part of 4-piano ensemble

Annie, Get Your Gun, Fort Mill, SC

• Rehearsal pianist

• Includes mall tours (Alabang City, Quezon City), as well as a culminating performance at the **Cultural Center of the Philippines**

C'est a nous - A Musical Revue, Manila, Philippines

2008

2012

• Repetiteur, and member of the logistics committee

• Premiere Recording, For SATB choir and orchestra

• Covered musicals such as Les Miserables, Wicked, Rent, Company, Hair Spray, Miss Saigon, Phantom of the Opera, Once on this Island, and Carousel

RELATED EXPERIENCE

WORK / TEACHING / OTHER

Interim Director Fall 2022

Center for Piano Studies at University of South Carolina

- Sabbatical Replacement
- Community school with over **90 enrolled students**, ages 4 through 78
- Manage 14 instructors and staff in their masters or doctoral studies
- Organize recitals, masterclasses, and other community events
- Observation of private and group class teaching

Online Video: Inspiring Artistry at the Frances Clark Center

2022

- Max Reger's "Über Stock und Stein" Op. 17, No. 5
- Includes teaching suggestions for both technique and creative expression and a performance of the piece

Adjudicator South Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, Columbia SC SCISA, Columbia, SC AMTA, AMTA Piano Festival, Augusta, GA CMTA, Celebration of Achievements, Columbia, SC Charleston Sonatina Festival, Charleston, SC • Judge for Sonatina Competition, five total divisions	2024 2020, 2024 2023 2022, 2021 2021
 Southeastern Piano Festival Festival Associate Assisted in logistics of festival preparation, including venues, transpaguest artists, and festival participants Performances with fellow associates, participate in masterclasses Young Jury, Arthur Frasier International Piano Competition (SE Part of jury for a discretionary award 	
Masterclass Clinician Winthrop University University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines • Guest clinician for undergraduate Piano Performance class 88 Keys Music Academy, Philippines	2022 2020 – 2021 2019
Writing Coach, SPARK University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC • Provided writing assistance for job applications, dissertations, and graduate and undergraduate students	2019 – 2020 class work for
Ballet Rehearsal Pianist University of South Carolina, School of Dance, Columbia, SC • Provide accompaniment to undergraduate freshmen and senior ba	2017 – 2018 llet classes
 Director of Music Greene Street United Methodist Church Plan music for services, including prelude, offertory, and postlude Plan music and rehearse chancel choir for weekly anthems Manage social media accounts and upload recorded offertories 	2016 – present
Phi Kappa Lambda Assistant Conductor and Accompanist St. Stephen's Parish, Manila, Philippines	2013 – present 2008 - 2013

MASTERCLASSES (AS A PERFORMER)

Angelo Rondello Anton Nel

Poom Promachart
Carol Leone

Pascal Roge Finghin Collins

Sofya Gulyak Mariel Ilusorio

Abelardo Galang Dorian Leljak

John O'Conor Reynaldo Reyes

Walter Hautzig

Bien Panganiban

OTHER TEACHERS

Voice

Dan Stein, Winthrop University Antonio Hila, University of Santo Tomas Conrad Ong, University of the Philippines Naomi Paz Sison, University of Santo Tomas Thea Perez-Prosia, University of Santo Tomas

Choral Conducting

Alicia W. Walker, University of South Carolina Fidel Calalang, University of Santo Tomas

Composition

Antonio Africa, University of Santo Tomas