Dr. Benjamin Lieser

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Current Position(s)

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2017-present

Associate Professor

Southeast Horn Workshop – Host – 2023

UCF Brass Camp Assistant Director 2022-

UCF Faculty Brass Quintet, 2021-

UCF Faculty Woodwind Quintet, 2018-

Courses Taught:

MVB 1212, 1412, 2422, 3432, 4442, 5452, 6462 – Applied Study

MUE 2460 – Brass Techniques 1

MUL 2010H – Music Appreciation

MUL 4443, 5448 – Brass Literature and Pedagogy

MUS 4923, 5937 – Performance Workshop

MUN 3431L – Chamber ensemble coaching

MUS 3905 – Independent Study

Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne, FL, 2018-present

Principal Horn

Bach Festival Society Orchestra, Winter Park, FL, 2015-present

Second Horn

Education

Doctor of Music, Brass Performance, 2015

Florida State University

College of Music

Michelle Stebleton, Professor

Graduate Assistant

Duties: Horn choir, applied lessons, fundamentals class, student mentor Treatise: An Analysis and Performers Guide to Mark Schultz's *Dragons in*

the Sky for horn, percussion and electronic tape

Master of Music, Horn performance, 2001

University of Cincinnati

College-Conservatory of Music

Randy C. Gardner, Professor

Graduate Assistant

Duties: Horn choir, applied lessons, studio class

Studio Class Lectures: Wagner's Ring Cycle, February 2001, Resumes and the Curriculum Vitae, October 2000 Randy C. Gardner, Mastering the Horn's Low Register International Opus, Richmond, VA, 2002 Assisted in gathering research information and resources

Bachelor of Arts, Music, 1999

Magna Cum Laude Florida State University School of Music William Capps, Professor

Teaching

University Teaching Experience

• University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2016-2017

Adjunct Professor

Teaching duties:

Applied horn, Brass Literature and Pedagogy, Brass Techniques, Chamber ensemble coaching

• Seminole State College, Lake Mary, FL, 2016-2017

Adjunct Professor

Teaching duties:

Applied horn, Music Appreciation

• Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, Spring 2010

Visiting Professor of Horn

Spring Semester Sabbatical Replacement

Teaching duties:

Applied horn, Studio performance class

Chamber ensemble coaching

• Stetson University, Deland, FL, 2004-2009

Adjunct Professor of Horn

Teaching duties:

Applied horn, Recruitment

Studio performance class, Horn Ensemble

Chamber ensemble coaching

Music history (2008-2009),

Woodwind methods (Fall 2007)

Music education intern supervisor (Spring 2007)

Stetson University Brass Camp (2008-2009): Assistant Camp Director

Performance duties:

Veritate Winds (faculty wind quintet)

Stetson Faculty Brass Quintet

The Southern Winds (semi-pro wind ensemble)

University Masterclasses

- University of South Florida, February 2025
- Adolfo Mejía Conservatory of Music, Cartagena, Colombia, October 2024
- Virginia Commonwealth University, November 2023 (Zoom)
- University of Alabama, March 2022
- Columbus State University, March 2022
- Penn State University, March 2021 (Zoom)
- Indiana University-Pennsylvania, March 2021 (Zoom)
- Western Carolina University, February 2021 (Zoom)
- Mississippi State University, January 2021 (Zoom)
- University of Georgia, November 2020 (Zoom)
- University of Nebraska, October 2020 (Zoom)
- Florida State University, "Building Habits," October 2020 (Zoom)
- Western Michigan University, "Building Habits," September 2020 (Zoom)
- Tallahassee Community Horns, "Getting Back into Shape," August 2020 (Zoom)
- Tarleton State University (TX), January 2020
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts, October 2019
 Residency in Winston-Salem, NC Masterclass, Performance Anxiety
 Workshop, Chamber Ensemble Coaching, One-to-One Lessons
- Stetson University, January 2018
 FBA Solo and Ensemble Preparation Clinic
- Western Carolina University, October 2016 Cullowhee, NC - Guest Artist Masterclass

Summer Festival Teaching

- Saarburg Chamber Music Festival Saarburg, Germany July 11-25, 2025
- Ticino Music Festival Lugano, Swizerland July 25-31, 2025

Secondary Teaching Experience

• The First Academy, Orlando, FL, 2011-2016

Instrumental Music Program Director

Duties: Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Intermediate, and Beginning Band. Recruit new members across the three divisions of lower, middle and upper school. Coordinate music for collaborative theater performances.

• Volusia County Schools, 2004-2006 Band Director, Southwestern Middle School

• **Duval County Public Schools**, 2003-2004 Band Director, Kernan Middle School

• University Christian School, 2002-2003 Band Director

• Georgia Governor's Honors Program Brass Instructor, 2010-2013

Secondary Masterclasses

• Orange County Public Schools

Middle and High School Clinics:

2025 - Winter Park HS, Oviedo HS

2021 – OCPS All-County Band Horn Masterclass (Zoom)

2020 – Lake Nona HS

2018 – Wekiva HS, Lake Nona HS, Freedom HS, Lake Nona MS

2017 – Colonial HS

• Winston Salem-Forsyth County Schools (North Carolina)

2022 – Clemmons MS, Meadowlark MS, Walkertown HS, Reagan HS

• Duval County Public Schools

2019 - Fletcher HS, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

• Seminole County Public Schools

Middle and High School Clinics:

2018 – Lyman HS, Oviedo HS, Winter Springs HS

2017 – Hagerty HS

2014-2019 - Silver Hawk Band Camp – Tuskawilla & Indian Trails MS

Student Awards

Music Teachers National Association

Monet Jowers – Senior Brass – National Second Place Winner, 2019 Nicholas Burner – Young Artist – State Second Place Winner, 2018

• Graduate Studies

Sophie O'Brien – Columbus State University (Graduate Assistantship)
Emily Gorden – Florida State University
Nicholas Burner – Carnegie Mellon University (Graduate Assistantship)
Andrew Meredith – Baylor University
Eric Gilfus – Indiana University
Arthur Diaz – University of Alabama

• Summer Music Festivals

Sophie O'Brien – Saarburg Music Festival, Saarburg, Germany Ignacio Souchet – Sphinx Orchestra Audition Intensive, Miami, FL

Research and Creative Activities

Performances and Presentations

International

X Clínicas Instrumentales de UNIBAC

10th Instrumental Workshops at the University of Arts and Sciences in Cartagena, Colombia, October 2024

Paul Basler, *Canciones* for horn and piano James Naigus arr. Jacob Evarts, *Harvest Light* for horn and wind ensemble

International Horn Symposium

Contributing Artist (James Madison University – Harrisonburg, VA),
June 2025
IHS Advisory Council Member – Opening Concert
CCM "Esprit de Cor" Alumni Horn Ensemble
NUCORNO Horn Ensemble

- Contributing Artist (Colorado State University Ft. Collins), July 2024
 Tara Islas, *Three Folk Hymn Songs* for horn and piano
 Drew Phillips, *Metamorphosis* for horn and fixed media
 Paul Basler, *Dos Danzas* for four horns and piano
- Contributing Artist (University of Montreal Montreal, QC), July 2023 Mark Schultz, *Beast Tales* for two horns and piano
- IHS Composition Contest (University of Montreal), July 2023 Wan-Yun Liang, *Romance* for horn and piano
- NUCORNO Ensemble (University of Montreal), July 2023
 Professional Horn Ensemble Concert presenting newly composed works for 8 12 horns
- Contributing Artist (Texas A&M University Kingsville), August 2022 Sy Brandon, *Miniatures* for horn and piano Tara Islas, *Three Miniatures* for horn and piano

NUCORNO Ensemble (Texas A&M Univ. – Kingsville), August 2022

*A Celebration of Kerry Turner

Professional Horn Ensemble Concert presenting works by composer, Kerry Turner

Contributing Artist (Digital Horn Symposium), August 2021

International distribution through the International Horn Society

James Naigus Empyrean Skies

Adolphe Blanc, Romance, Op. 43b

Both works for horn, oboe and piano

Contributing Artist (University of Oregon), August 2020 Invitation to perform (cancelled due to Covid-19) Sean Breseman Sonata No. 3 "Contours" for horn and piano Sy Brandon Sonata for horn and piano

Contributing Artist (Ball State University), July 2018 Steven Winteregg *Pastiche* Lowell Shaw *Frippery #8* Kerry Turner *Fanfare for Barcs*

Contributing Artist (Western Illinois University), June 2009 Bruce Thompson *Of Unicorns in Curvet*

Contributing Artist (University of Denver), July 2008 M. Viljoen *Duo*

University Horn Choir Performance (University of Alabama), June 2004 Stetson University Horn Ensemble

International Women's Brass Conference (Peer Reviewed)

New Works Recital (University of North Texas), May 2022

Tara Islas Three Miniatures for horn and piano

Walt Disney World

The Most Magical Story on Earth: 50 Years of Walt Disney World International distribution on Disney+, October 2021 Recorded both audio and video as part of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

International Double Reed Society

University of South Florida
UCF Faculty Woodwind Quintet, July 2019
Daniel Baldwin *Dreams of the White Tiger*

Orquesta Filarmónica de la UNAM (Ciudad de México, México), March 2001 Robert Schumann Koncertstück for 4 Horns and Orchestra

National

Puerto Rico Brass Festival

Featured Artist - UCF Faculty Brass Quintet, Mayaguez, PR, March 2025

Joy and Praise, Joh Dupuis

Manefestaciones, Mariano Morales

Quintet No. 1, Victor Ewald

Full Tilt, Kevin McKee

Southeast Horn Workshop (Peer Reviewed)

- University Horn Choir Performance (Appalachian St. University), March 2025
- Lecture Presentation (Appalachian St. University), March 2025

 Audiation Automation: Using Technology to Train Your Inner Ear
- University Horn Choir Performance (University of Georgia), February 2024, UCF Horn Ensemble
- Contributing Artists Recital (University of Georgia), February 2024 Gina Gillie *The Great Migration*
- University Horn Choir Performance (UCF), March 2023, UCF Horn Ensemble
- Contributing Artists Recital (UNC Greensboro), March 2022
 Tara Islas *Three Miniatures*
- University Horn Choir Performance (UNC Greensboro), March 2022 UCF Horn Ensemble
- Lecture (Austin Peay State University), March 2021 Developing Habits to meet your Goals
- Contributing Artist Recital (Western Carolina University), March 2019 James Naigus *Solstice*
- Contributing Artist Recital (University of Georgia), February 2018 James Naigus *Journey's Call* Christopher Wiggins *Eight for a Start, Op. 8*
- Contributing Artist Recital (Western Carolina University), March 2009 Bruce Thompson *Of Unicorns in Curvet*
- Lecture (Columbus State University), February 2008

 Lyrical Gems for the Horn
- Contributing Artist Recital (Florida State University), March 2004 Franz Strauss *Nocturno*, Op. 7

North Carolina Music Educators Association

Clinic Presentation, November 2022

Best Practices for Teaching Beginning and Developing Horn Students

Performance as Guest Soloist with the Hanes Magnet School Band

Columbus State University

Guest Artist Recital Performance, March 2022 Works by Basler, Naigus, Islas, Lowe, Nishimura, and Yenque

Tarleton State University

Brass Day Guest Artist Recital Performance, January 2020 Works by Naigus and Brandon

North Carolina School of the Arts

Recital Performance, October 2019 Works by Breseman, Naigus, Basler and Phillips

Masterclass "Managing Performance Anxiety"

National Association of Wind and Percussion Instructors (Peer Reviewed)

Recital Performance (University of Northern Iowa), October 2019 Sy Brandon Sonata for Horn and Piano Sean Breseman Sonata No. 3 "Contours"

University of Cincinnati

Randy Gardner Legacy Concert, April 23, 2018 James Naigus *Journey's Call*

• Regional/State

Florida Music Educators Association

Empowering Students Through Horn Performance: Best Practices for Effective Horn Teaching and Learning, FMEA Professional Development Conference, January 2024

Florida Bandmasters Association

Horn Pedagogy, FBA Summer Conference, 2022

Florida French Horn Festival

Contributing Artist Recital, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 University Horn Choir Performance, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Contributing Artist Recital, Moderate Horn Choir, 2019

Lecture – Effective Practice Techniques, 2016

Contributing Artists Horn Ensemble, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2018

Contributing Artists Recital – Tetracor Horn Quartet, 2010

Bach Festival Society of Winter Park

Guest Soloist, February 2019

Concerto in Eb for Two Horns by Michael Haydn

University of Central Florida

UCF Faculty Brass Quintet Recital, March 2025 Works by Morales, DuPuis, Ewald, McKee

UCF Wind Ensemble, Guest Soloist, March 2025 Sure Fire, by Kathy Likhuta

UCF Faculty Brass Quintet Recital, October 2023

Works by Bach, Holmboe, Tchaikovsky, MT Thomas, DuPuis

UCF Faculty Wind Quintet Recital, September 2023

Works by Mihaud, Buss, Medaglia and Patterson

UCF Symphony Orchestra, Guest Soloist, November 2021

Concerto No. 1 in Eb Major, Op. 11 by Richard Strauss

UCF Faculty Brass Quintet Recital, November 2021

Works by Scheidt, Mendelssohn, Dahl, Joplin

UCF Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital, September 2021

Works by Arnold, Williams, Hindemith, Coleman, Ligeti, Aguila

UCF Concert Band, Guest Soloist, November 2019

Wingspan by Gary Kuo

Faculty Solo Recital, October 2019

Works by Naigus, Brandon, Harrison, Breseman, Phillips

UCF Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital, September 2019

Works by Taffanael, Burtzos, Brandon, Coleman

Faculty Solo Recital, January 2019

Works by Haydn, Ewazen, Monteverdi, Wiggins

Faculty Chamber Recital with The Jazz Professors, October 2018 Birth of the Cool by Miles Davis

Faculty Woodwind Quintet Recital, September 2018

Works by Beach, Fine, Baldwin, D'Rivera

Faculty Solo Recital, September 2017

Works by Basler, Naigus, Reynolds, Agrell

Faculty Solo Recital, January 2017

Works by Basler, Rheinberger, Wilder, Mitushin

All Saints Episcopal Church, Winter Park, FL

UCF Faculty Brass Quintet, April 2024

Works by Ewald, McKee, Purcell, Esmail, and Gershwin

Orange County Public Schools

Faculty Woodwind Quintet Performance

OCPS All-County Band, 2022, 2019

University of Florida

Guest Artist Recital, October 29, 2017

Works by Basler, Naigus, and Reynolds

The Cathedral of St. Luke, Orlando, FL

Horns and Pipes Brass Ensemble, Guest Soloist, February 2014 Hoagy Carmichael/Iveson Stardust

Florida State University

Lecture Recital – Mozart's Horn Concerto Fragments, April 2011

Stetson University

Guest Artist, August 2024, Kathy Thomas Faculty Recital Lieser C.V. Page 9

Guest Artist, August 2019 – Sovereign Brass Union
Guest Artist, January 2019, Kathy Thomas Faculty Recital
Sigma Alpha Iota – Benefit Concert, 2018
Emmanuel Chabrier Larghetto for Horn and Orchestra, October 2006
Faculty Solo Recital, September 20006
Works by Krufft, Hindemith, Basler, Damase
Stetson University Symphonic Band, April 2005
Guest Soloist, Richard Strauss Concerto No. 1 in E-flat, Op. 11

Recordings

- Clark, Larry. Excelcia Music Publishing. Trade Winds Recording Ensemble. January 2024. Lakeland, FL. International Distribution. <u>Excelcia</u>. <u>Wingert-Jones</u>.
- WUCF. A Classic Christmas with the Bach Festival Society. December 2023. PBS National Broadcast.
- Clark, Larry. Excelcia Music Publishing. Trade Winds Recording Ensemble. January 2020. Lakeland, FL. International Distribution.
- Sharp, Chris. Recording Ensemble for C Sharp Music, Inc. March 2020. Orlando, FL. International Distribution.
- Harrison, Thomas. *Multifarious Wild Landscape*. <u>Stonyhurst's Son</u>, 2019 Orlando, FL: From the Ashes Records
- Harrison, Thomas. *Intersecciones: Chamber works for Saxophone Quartet, Brass Quintet, String Quartet, Woodwind Quintet, Pierrot Ensemble, and More!, 2019*Orlando, FL: From the Ashes Records
- Tiffany Coburn. *Simply Joy*, 2015 Orlando, FL: Loop Road Media
- Ellen Taaffe Zwilich. *Millennium Fantasy/ Images/ Peanuts Gallery*, 2008
 The Florida State University College of Music
 University Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Alexander Jimenez, conductor
 Naxos No: 8.559656
- A Hanukka Celebration, 2000

The University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music Wind Symphony, Rodney Winther, conductor Naxos No: 8.559410

Publications

Lieser, Benjamin. Horn and More. May 2025 Greeting.

https://www.hornsociety.org/component/acym/archive/602-horn-and-more-may-2025?tmpl=component

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Finale from Symphony No. 2 in G minor, Op. 34* by Wilhelm Stenhammar arranged for brass choir, timpani and organ by Ross Holcombe." *The Horn Call*, Volume LII, No. 2, February 2022, p. 69.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Symphony No. 9, 1st movement (Allegro)* by Dimitri Shostakovich arr. Wes Ballenger." *The Horn Call*, Volume LII: No. 1, October 2021, p. 81.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: 10 National Anthems arranged for Brass Quintet by Keith Terrett." The Horn Call, Volume LII: No. 1, October 2021, p. 81.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Snapshots* for horn and piano by Catherine Likhuta." *The Horn Call*, Volume LI: No. 3, May 2021, p. 90.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Introducing the Horn* by John Ericson." *The Horn Call*, Volume LI: No. 1, October 2020, p. 94.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *Sinfonia No. 9 in F minor* by J.S. Bach, trans. Marilyn Bone Kloss." *The Horn Call*, Volume LI: No. 1, October 2020, p. 96.

Lieser, Benjamin. "Book and Music Reviews: *In Dulci Jubilo* for brass quintet J.S. Bach, arr. Piotrowski." *The Horn Call*, Volume XLIX: No. 2, February 2019, p. 85.

Commissioned Works

Three Folk Hymn Songs by Tara Islas, 2024

Continuum for horn octet by John Dupuis, 2024

Surefire Concerto for Horn and Wind Ensemble by Catherine Likhuta, 2023

20 Intermediate-level horn duets by Michael Mikulka, 2022

RE: NU Trio for Clarinet, Horn and Piano by James M Stephenson, 2021

Visions for horn and electronic media by James Naigus, 2021

Wunlit for unaccompanied horn by Shawn E. Okpebholo, 2020

Maytudes Etudes for horn by James M. Stephenson, 2020

Reveries for Woodwind Quintet by Daniel Baldwin, 2019

Mindfields for oboe, horn and piano by James M. Stephenson, 2019

Sonata for Horn and Piano by Sy Brandon, 2018

Trio for Violin, Horn and Piano by David Crumb, 2016

Dreams of the White Tiger for Woodwind Quintet by Daniel Baldwin, 2014

Professional Organizations

International Horn Society

National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors

Music Teachers National Association

College Music Society

American Federation of Musicians, Local 386

Florida Bandmasters Association

Florida Music Educators Association

Service Activities

International Horn Competition of America

University Division Adjudicator, 2024

International Horn Society

Advisory Council, 2022-2023, 2024-present

Scholarships Coordinator, 2022-present

Area Representative, Florida, 2021- present

Regional Area Coordinator, 2022-present

Frizelle Competition Adjudicator, Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2022

Southeast Horn Workshop

Host, 2023 Southeast Horn Workshop, March 17-19, 2023

Advisory Council 2017- present

Solo Competition Finals Adjudicator, 2022, 2025

Low Horn Excerpt Competition Adjudicator, 2018, 2021, 2024

Northeast Horn Workshop

Horn Ensemble Competition Adjudicator, 2021

Florida French Horn Festival

Host, March 2025, University of Central Florida

Michelle Baker, guest artist

Host, March 2024, University of Central Florida

Randy Gardner, guest artist

Host, March 2022, University of Central Florida

Patrick Hughes, guest artist

Host, March 2021, University of Central Florida

Multiple Guest Artists (Virtual Horn Festival – Zoom)

Host, March 2020, University of Central Florida

Randy Gardner, guest artist (Covid Cancelled)

Co-host, March 2019, Rollins College

Dale Clevenger, guest artist

Intercollegiate Mock Audition, 2021

Collaboration between the horn studios of University of Georgia,

University of Tennessee, Western Carolina University, Mississippi State

University, and University of Central Florida

Preliminary round – video recorded

Final round – live on Zoom

Livingstone Academy Autism Center

Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev, July 2021

Transcribed by Earl C. North for woodwind quintet and percussion

University of Central Florida

All-State Clinic Coordinator, 2021-present

Performance Excellence Competition Chair, 2020-present

Trumpet Faculty Search Committee, 2019

Music Education Faculty Search Committee, 2019

Junior, Senior and Graduate Recital Hearing Committees, 2017-present Recruitment, Scholarship and Awards Committee, 2017-2021 UCF Rising Knights Auditions and Masterclass, 2018-2020, 2022-UCF Brass Day Coordinator, 2017-2018

UCF All-State Prep Clinic Instructor, 2016-present

Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra

Concerto Competition Finals Adjudicator

The Horn Club of Central Florida

Director and Founder 2018-present

Volusia County Public Schools

All-County Band Auditions 2021-22

Seminole County Public Schools

All-County Band Auditions 2016-2018, 2021

Florida Bandmasters Association

State Solo and Ensemble 2008, 2010, 2022-23 All-State Band and Orchestra Auditions, 2006-2012, 2017-2024

Other Professional Performance Experience

Josh Groban

Florida Tour, Horn, 2020 Stages Tour (FL), Horn, 2016 In the Round Tour (FL), Horn, 2013

Orlando Philharmonic (FL), Substitute, 2003-present

Brevard Symphony Orchestra (FL), Second Horn, 2003-2017

Gainesville Chamber Orchestra (FL), Principal Horn, 2009-2011

Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra (FL), Third Horn, 2009-2011, Guest Horn 2024

Albany Symphony Orchestra (GA), Principal Horn, 2009-2010

Valdosta Symphony Orchestra (GA), Third Horn, 2009-2010

Walt Disney World Orchestra, Musician, 2009-2020, 2021-present

Candlelight Processional (Epcot)

Harambee Nights (Animal Kingdom)

The Music of Pixar Live (Hollywood Studios)

Southwest Florida Symphony, Substitute, 2007-present

Ocala Symphony Orchestra (FL), Principal Horn, 2005-2012

The Florida Orchestra, Substitute, 2003-present

Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra (FL), Substitute, 2002-present

Orquesta Filarmónica de la UNAM (México), Third Horn, 2001-2002

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (OH), Substitute 1999-2001

Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Substitute 1999-2001

West Virginia Symphony, Substitute 1999-2001

Horns and Pipes – Professional Brass Ensemble, 2015-2018

Orlando Woodwind Quintet – Professional Woodwind Quintet, 2011-2018

TetraCor – Horn Quartet, 2008-2011

Veritate Winds – Stetson Faculty Woodwind Quintet, 2004-2009

Stetson University Brass Quintet – Stetson Faculty Quintet 2005-2009

West Side Story - Off Broadway Tour, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, FL, 2009