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Author, contributor, and/or subject of pieces on diversity and inclusion, performance, and education in classical music with outlets including: New York Times, Wall Street Journal, BBC, NPR, MSNBC, Allegro Magazine, and International Musician, in addition to other books, magazines, and podcasts. Frequent guest speaker, lecturer and panelist on music education and diversity and inclusion at Sphinx Connect, International Conference of Symphony and Opera Musicians, Regional Orchestra Players Association, League of American Orchestras, Association of Performing Arts Professionals, Young Concert Artists, Atlanta Symphony Building Bridges Symposium, Curtis Institute of Music, Michigan State University, and others.

Previous faculty positions include serving as brass department head at Mannes College and faculty positions at Rutgers University, Purchase College, and Juilliard's Music Advancement Program (MAP). He also regularly serves on the faculties of SICMF, PRIZM, Curtis Institute of Music's Summerfest, National Youth Orchestra-USA (NYO-USA) and NYO2. He appeared in Ben Niles' documentary film *Some Kind of Spark*, which highlights the impact of music education in the lives of students as they attend MAP. Other documentary film credits include *A Wayfarer's Journey: Listening to Mahler and Rittenhouse Square*. His thoughts are also quoted in *Rhythms of the Game*, a book by former New York Yankees star Bernie Williams. He also works with organizations like Play On Philly and Music Kitchen and has sponsored educational opportunities and solicited instrument donations for disadvantaged students. His philanthropic spirit was recognized in a Wall Street Journal article. He is the board chair of the Friends of SICMF and a member of the Bronx Arts Ensemble's artistic advisory board and the Avery Fisher Artist Program's recommendation board.