

# Daniel Thomas

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## Education

May 2016 **MM in Jazz Composition and Arranging**  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2007 **BA in Music**  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

## University/College Teaching Experience

### **Adjunct Instructor**

Department of Music, Anna Maria College, Sept 2019 – Present

- Faculty Responsibilities Include Instruction in Applied Guitar, Freshman/Sophomore Music Theory, History of Rock and Roll, American Music, World Music, Guitar Methods for Education Majors, Songwriting, Jazz Composition and Arranging, Director of AMC Guitar Ensemble, Director of Pep Band
- Arrange new music for Guitar Ensemble and Pep Band
- Worked with a committee to plan and implement two new music minor degrees; Composition and Jazz Studies

### **Music Appreciation Teaching Assistant**

Department of Music and Dance, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sept 2014 – May 2016

- Graded weekly online essay assignments
- Moderated online discussion forums

### **Band Manager – Symphony Band and Wind Ensemble**

Department of Music and Dance, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sept 2014 – May 2016

- Assisted Musical Director with selection of repertoire and distribution of sheet music
- Set up for rehearsals
- Kept weekly attendance for rehearsals and performances

## Private Teaching Experience

### **Songwriting Instructor**

OpporTUNEity Music Connections, Sept 2019 – Present

- Lead songwriting workshops for inmates at the Worcester County Jail and House of Corrections
- Oversee student interns from Anna Maria College in assisting with songwriting instruction

### **Guitar Instructor**

Community Music School of Springfield, Feb 2019 – Aug 2021

Self Employed, Western MA 2009 – Present

- Teach individual and group lessons to guitar students
- Tailor personalized lesson plans based on needs of students from a diverse backgrounds

## **Selected Guitar Studies**

**Bob Ferrier**, Guitar Professor

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2003 – Spring 2007

**Ron Bosse**, Guitar Instructor

Private Instructor, Fall 2002

## **Selected Guitar Master Classes**

**Chico Pinheiro**, Master Class

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2015

**Mike Baggetta**, Master Class

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2014

**The Assad Duo**, Master Class

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2006

## **Selected Composition Studies**

**Jeffery W. Holmes**, Composition Professor and Director of Jazz and African American Studies

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2006, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016

**Felipe Salles**, Composition Professor

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016

**Catherine Jensen-Hole**, Composition Professor

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2005

## **Selected Composition Master Classes**

**Maria Schneider**, Master Class

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Spring 2006 and Spring 2016

**Sean Jones**, Master Class

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2006

**Danilo Perez**, Master Class

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2003

## **Selected Performance Experience**

**Electric Youth and the Boston Show Band** at Franklin School of Performing Arts, Guitarist 2019 – Present

**Miss Fairchild Show Band** (Boston), Guitarist 2016 – Present

**Jon Carroll & Brave Soul**, Guitarist 2015 – Present

**Joystick – Live Video Game Music**, Guitarist, Arranger, Bandleader 2015 – Present

**The Mary Jane Jones**, Guitarist, Composer, Arranger, Music Director 2009 – Present

**Happy Valley Guitar Orchestra**, First Chair Guitarist, Fall 2009 – Spring 2019

**Llama Lasagne**, Musical Director, 2006 – Present

**Masters Composition Recital**, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Spring 2016

**Peacemaker, The Musical**, Arranger, Band Coordinator, Guitarist - Hartford, CT Spring 2016

**University of Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra**, Banjo, Gershwin, Porgy and Bess, Spring 2016

**Freelance Guitarist/Recording Artist**, U.S. 2007 – Present; Seoul, SK Fall 2008 – Spring 2009 with artists such as: Mitch Chakour, Cappadonna (Wu Tang Clan), Beau Sasser, Yuki Kanesaka (Birdhouse Records) Ali McGuirk, Janel Munoa (Deep Red Records), Glori Wilder (Deep Red Records), Jamie Kent, Ed Mann

(formerly Frank Zappa Band), Boston Philharmonic Funk Foundation, Anita Antoinette, Denroy Morgan, Eric Olsson, Jeff Lockhart, Frank Manzi, The Alchemystics, The Problemaddicts, Taproots, Silver Arrow Band, Northfire Recording Studio, The Majestic Theater

### **Awards**

**Outstanding Performance – Blues/Rock/Pop Ensemble**, Downbeat Magazine Student Music Awards 2017

**Outstanding Performance – Blues/Rock/Pop Soloist**, Downbeat Magazine Student Music Awards 2016

**Outstanding Performance – Blues/Rock/Pop Ensemble**, Downbeat Magazine Student Music Awards 2015

### **References**

**Melissa Martiros D.M.A.**, Dean of Music

Anna Maria College

Executive Director at OpporTUNEity Music Connections

**(902) 602-0572**, [mmartiros@annamaria.edu](mailto:mmartiros@annamaria.edu)

**Bob Ferrier**, Professor of Music

Holyoke Community College

Adjunct Faculty, Jazz Studies, Jazz Guitar

University of Massachusetts Amherst

**(413) 364-1894**, [rferrier@hcc.edu](mailto:rferrier@hcc.edu)

**Jeffery W. Holmes**, Director of Jazz and African American Studies

University of Massachusetts Amherst

**(413) 545-6046**, [jwholmes@music.umass.edu](mailto:jwholmes@music.umass.edu)