

James Suter

Experience

Adjunct Faculty

Temple College

Temple, TX

August-2021 - present

Bass professor. Jazz combo instructor. Music appreciation professor.

Adjunct Faculty

Austin Community College

Austin, TX

August-2021 - present

Bass professor.

Teaching Assistant

UT Austin, Butler School of Music

Austin, TX

August-2018 - May 2021

Teaching jazz ensembles, private lessons for undergraduate and graduate students, and assisting professors with various music classes.

Teaching Assistant

NCCU

Durham, NC

January-2016 - January-2018

Assisted professors with teaching materials in jazz composition, arranging, and ensemble classes.

Teacher

Russell Lacy Music

Durham, NC

August-2015 - Currently

Private double and electric bass teacher. Coordinated student recitals.

Freelance bassist. Comfortable performing with jazz ensembles, classical ensembles, rock and pop groups, and solo settings.

Freelance Musician

Austin, TX

August-2008 - Currently

Emergency medical technician aboard an ambulance. Provided medical assistance and transport to hospitals for patients.

EMT

National Health Services

Miami, FL

May-2014 - May-2015

Private instructor for double and electric bass students as well as music theory, composition, arranging, and improvisation. Heavy focus on jazz and classical double bass playing.

Private Teacher

Austin, TX

May-2013 - Currently

Education

Bachelor of Music - Jazz Performance (Double Bass)

Frost School of Music at the University of Miami

Miami, Florida

2013

Selected for the Stamps Jazz Quintet and awarded the Stamps Scholarship, a four-year full tuition and room/board scholarship wherein our quintet recorded multiple albums and travelled internationally. Performed with Gary Burton, Dave Holland, Chris Potter, Matt Wilson, Mark O'Connor, and Buddy Guy. Performed at clinics, conferences, and schools representing the Frost School of Music

Provosts honor roll and Dean's list. 3.25 GPA.

Masters of Music - Jazz Composition

North Carolina Central University

Durham, North Carolina

2017

Awarded full tuition scholarship and teaching assistantship. 3.9 GPA.

Conducted research towards my thesis exploring the compositional similarities between the blues compositions of Thelonious Monk and Charlie Parker during the 1950s.

Doctorate in Music and Arts - Jazz Bass Performance

Butler School of Music at

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

2021

Awarded full tuition scholarship and assistantship.

4.0 GPA

Wrote thesis on new jazz double bass teaching method focused on duet playing

Taught the University's Jazz Ensemble, jazz combos and Jazz appreciation courses

Experienced private bass instructor. Large ensemble arranger. Proficient composer in jazz, classical, and pop styles. Able to direct and conduct rehearsals for multiple styles and ensembles. Comfortable teaching and playing bass, guitar, and piano. Instructor for big bands, combos, arranging, composition, theory, and improvisation classes.