

## **Justin Lee Cornelison Balcor**

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### **Education**

**Ph.D. Musicology** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL *In Progress*

**M.A. Musicology/Ethnomusicology** University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY December 2016

**M.M.E. Music Education**, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY September 2012

**B.A. General Music**, Berea College, Berea, KY September 2010

### **Professional Teaching Experience**

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL; August 2018-July 2019

**Founding Director**, SambaLEX, Lexington, KY February 2017-July 2018

**Director**, Central Music Academy Steel Band, Lexington, KY August 2016-December 2016

**Part-Time Instructor**, University of Kentucky GEAR UP, Lexington, KY July 2015 and 2016

**Percussion Instructor**, Central Music Academy Percussion Camp, Lexington, KY June 2016

**Director of African Drum Ensemble**, Centre College, Danville, KY August 2015-May 2018

**Percussion Instructor**, Central Music Academy, Lexington, KY July 2015-May 2018

**Children's Choir Director**, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Lexington, KY August 2015-May 2018

**Part-Time Instructor**, Lexington Parks and Recreation, Lexington, KY; October 2014-May 2018

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; August 2012-May 2015

**Independent English Teacher**, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; May 2014-August 2014

### **Awards**

**FLAS Academic Year Fellowship**, Foreign Language and Area Studies Program; Academic Year 2020-2021

- Received fellowship to study Georgian language

**FLAS Academic Year Fellowship**, Foreign Language and Area Studies Program; Academic Year 2019-2020

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**FLAS Summer Fellowship**, Foreign Language and Area Studies Program; Summer 2020, *deferred to Summer 2021*

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**Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Fall 2018-Summer 2019

**FLAS Summer Fellowship**, Foreign Language and Area Studies Program; Summers 2018 and 2019

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**Kresge MiniGrant**, Bluegrass Community Foundation; Winter 2016-Spring 2017

- Received grant to start a drum group for local teens in Lexington, KY

**Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship**, University of Kentucky; Fall 2012-Spring 2015

**Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, University of Kentucky; Fall 2012-Spring 2015

**Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, Eastern Kentucky University; Spring 2011-Spring 2012

### **Scholarly Presentations and Activities**

**Presenter**, Society for Ethnomusicology Conference: European Special Interest Group Meeting; October 2020

- Spoke on the dangers of racism for scholars of color in Eastern Europe and Eurasia

**Panelist**, Race and Racism in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies: A Roundtable, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL; September 2020

- Spoke on the dangers of racism for scholars of color in Eastern Europe and Eurasia

**Presenter**, Georgia at the Crossroads Symposium, Baylor University, Waco, TX; April 2015

- Paper on Personification of Nature in Georgian Musical Text

## **Creative & Performing Activities**

**Performer**, Balkanalia Ensemble, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL; Spring 2019

- Percussion (Doubek, Doli, Bendir, Drum Set)

**Performer**, MbiraCats, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Fall 2015-Spring 2018

- Mbira, Hosho

**Performer**, University of Kentucky Gamelan Ensemble, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Fall 2015-Spring 2016

**Performer**, Drum Set, Berea College Theatre Laboratory, Berea, KY; October 2017

- Performed entire run of *Green Day's American Idiot*

**Performer**, Drum Set, Winter Fest, Lexington, KY; January 2017

- Performed entire run of *Dreamgirls*

**Performer**, Drum Set, Summer Fest, Lexington, KY; July 2016

- Performed entire run of *Jesus Christ Superstar*

**Performer**, Snare Drum, March Madness Marching Band, Lexington, KY; August 2012-Present

- Performed at HONK!TX in Austin, TX, Various Parades, Pride Fest Lexington, Thriller Lexington, Roots & Heritage Festival

**Performer**, Drum Set, Studio Players, Lexington, KY; July 2012

- Performed two showings in the production of *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*

**Performer**, SOGO Drums, Berea, KY; 2009-Present

- Perform for Kentucky Schools in partnership with Books As Bridges Project, Performed at the Somerset Community College International Festival
- Djembe, Djun-Djun, Brekete, Ewe Drums

**Performer**, University of Kentucky Korean Percussion Ensemble, Lexington, KY; Fall 2012-Fall 2014

- Janngu and Puk player, dancer

**Performer**, Eastern Kentucky University Steel Band, Richmond, KY; Spring 2012

- Lead Pan, Bass Pans, and Engine Room

**Performer**, Berea College African-Latin Percussion Ensemble, Berea, KY; Spring 2007-Spring 2010

- Djun-Djun, Gankogui, and Djembe

## **Community Engagement**

**President**, North Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, Lexington, KY; January 2017-June 2018

**Board Member**, North Limestone Community Development Corporation, Lexington, KY; February 2017-June 2018

## **Skills**

**Microsoft Office Suite, Google Software, Adobe Creative Suite, WordPress, Social Media** (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)

## **Language Study**

**Russian** (intermediate), **Georgian** (intermediate)

## **Memberships**

**Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, Society for Ethnomusicology, American Musicological Society, International Council for Traditional Music, College Music Society**