

# Thomas Patteson

Curriculum Vitae  
(June 2021)

## EDUCATION

- 2013            PhD, History of Music, University of Pennsylvania  
2008            MA, History of Music, University of Pennsylvania  
2004            BA, Music and German Studies, New College of Florida

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2013–           Musical Studies Faculty, Curtis Institute of Music

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017            Lewis Lockwood Award, American Musicological Society  
2015            American Musicological Society PAYS 75 Subvention  
2012            Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
2005            Fulbright Scholarship, University of Cologne

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2016            *Instruments for New Music: Sound, Technology, and Modernism*. Oakland: University of California Press.

### Journal Articles

- 2021            “Entropy, Melody, Beauty: Composing with Information Theory.” *Culture, Theory, and Critique*. Forthcoming.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2014            “Player Piano.” [\*Oxford Handbooks Online\*](#).

### Articles in Edited Volumes

- 2021 “Ethereal Instruments.” With Emily I. Dolan. In *The Oxford Handbook of Timbre*, edited by Emily I. Dolan and Alexander Rehding. Forthcoming.
- 2020 “The Composers of Group ’55.” In *Sam Feinstein, Group ’55, and Midcentury Abstraction in Philadelphia*, 94–99. Philadelphia: Woodmere Art Museum,
- 2016 “Cat Pianos, Sound-Houses, and Other Imaginary Musical Instruments.” With Deirdre Loughridge. In *The Public Domain Review, Selected Essays Volume III*, 53–66. Cambridge: PDR Press.
- 2012 “The Time of Roland Kayn's Cybernetic Music.” In *Travelling Time, Sonic Acts XIV*, edited by Arie Altena and Sonic Acts, 46–66. Amsterdam: Sonic Acts Press/Paradiso.
- 2011 “Iannis Xenakis’ *Kottos*.” In *Topographien der Kompositionsgeschichte seit 1950*, edited by Tobias Hühnermann and Christoph von Blumröder, 146–156. Vienna: Verlag der Apfel.

### Book Reviews

- 2017 *Sound in Z: Experiments in Sound and Electronic Music in Early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Russia*, by Andrew Smirnov. *Current Musicology* 101: 139–143.

### Translations

- 2021 Theodor W. Adorno, “The Function of Timbre in Music.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Timbre*, edited by Emily I. Dolan and Alexander Rehding. Forthcoming.
- 2021 Carl Dahlhaus, “On the Theory of Instrumentation.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Timbre*, edited by Emily I. Dolan and Alexander Rehding. Forthcoming.

### Web-Based Writings

- 2015 “Cat Pianos, Sound-Houses, and Other Imaginary Musical Instruments,” with Deirdre Loughridge. [The Public Domain Review](#), 15 July 2015.
- 2013– [Museum of Imaginary Musical Instruments](#)

### Editorial Assistance

- 2012 *Le monde sonore de François Bayle*. Edited by Marcus Erbe and Christoph von Blumröder. Vienna: Verlag der Apfel.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Papers Presented

- 2019 “Music, Models, and the Nonhuman.” Recursions: Music and Cybernetics, Edinburgh, 24–25 October.
- 2019 “Voltage Control and Cybernetic Subjectivity.” Sonologia: International Conference on Sound Studies, São Paulo, 9–12 April.
- 2018 “Abstract Machines in Experimental Music.” Philadelphia Avant-Garde Studies Consortium, Philadelphia, 7 December.
- 2016 “Organic Instruments: Early Electrophones and the Valorization of Technology in the Weimar Republic.” Alternative Histories of Electronic Music, London, 15 April.
- 2016 “Composing Machine: The Triadex Muse.” Expressive Engines: Musical Technologies from Automata to Robots, New Brunswick, 15 February.
- 2015 “The Trautonium: Electro-Music and Steel Romanticism.” American Musicological Society Annual Meeting, Louisville, 14 November.
- 2015 “Public Musicology and New Music.” The Past, Present, and Future of Public Musicology, Princeton, 31 January.
- 2014 “The Museum of Imaginary Musical Instruments” (with Deirdre Loughridge). Bone Flute to Auto-Tune: Music and Technology in History, Theory, and Practice, Berkeley, 24 April.
- 2012 “The Time of Roland Kayn’s Cybernetic Music.” Sonic Acts XIV: Travelling Time, Amsterdam, 23-26 February.
- 2011 “Jörg Mager’s Electric Music of the Spheres.” American Musicological Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 12 November.
- 2011 “Music, Technology, Utopia: The Legacy of Pietro Grossi.” ConTemplum Graduate Student Symposium, Philadelphia, 22 October.
- 2010 “The Cybernetic Music of Roland Kayn.” Beyond the Centres: Musical Avant Gardes since 1950, Thessaloniki, 2 July.
- 2008 “Herder’s Influence on the Musical Aesthetics of Christian Friedrich Michaelis.” Herder, Music, and Enlightenment, Philadelphia, 11 April.
- 2004 “System, Lifeworld, and Experimental Music.” Social Theory, Politics, and the Art, Washington D.C., 9 October.

### Discussant

- 2013 “Critical Organology” roundtable discussion, moderated by Emily Dolan. American Musicological Society Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, 7 November.

2012 Panel discussion with Kenneth Goldsmith, David Behrman, Chris Madak, and Andrew Raffo Dewar. Sonic Arts Union Retrospective, Philadelphia, 21 January.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Curtis Institute of Music**

The Legacy of Julius Eastman (Fall 2020)  
 Twentieth-Century Music (Spring 2020–)  
 Introduction to Music History (Fall 2019–)  
 Classical Music from 1800 to 2000 (Fall 2013–Spring 2019)  
 Sound (Fall 2019)  
 Exploring Electronic Music (Spring 2017)  
 Music of the Medieval Period (Fall 2016)  
 History of American Popular Music (Fall 2015)

### **University of Pennsylvania**

Experimental Music in Theory and Practice (Fall 2014)  
 1000 Years of Musical Listening (Instructor, Spring 2010; Teaching Assistant, Fall 2008)  
 Introduction to World Musics and Cultures (Teaching Assistant, Fall 2011, Spring 2008)  
 Music Theory I (Teaching Assistant, Fall 2009)

## **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

### **Curtis Institute of Music**

Faculty committee, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (2016–18)  
 Academic advising (2015–)  
 AMS Mid-Atlantic host institution liaison, Spring 2018 meeting  
 AMS Mid-Atlantic host institution liaison, Fall 2015 meeting

## **LANGUAGES**

English: Native speaker  
 German: Advanced (speaking, reading, writing)  
 French: Intermediate (reading)  
 Spanish: Intermediate (reading)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Federation of Teachers, Local 09608 – United Academics of Philadelphia  
 American Musicological Society

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Board of Directors, <fidget> (2019–)  
 Associate Curator, Bowerbird (2011–)  
 Artistic Co-Director, Arcana New Music Ensemble (2016–18)