The Crane Percussion Area provides a comprehensive program for its majors including performing opportunities in percussion ensembles, studio class, Jazz ensemble, Latin ensemble, orchestra, band and wind ensembles as well as a host of specialty performing groups. The program is traditional, stressing fundamental training for playing snare drum, keyboard percussion and timpani. Recital and solo presentations are part of the overall curriculum.

Percussion Faculty

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Jim Petercsak, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and coordinator for percussion at Crane, is the Director of the Crane Percussion Ensemble. Prof. Petercsak holds a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Percussive Arts Society, and he is Past President of the Percussive Arts Society. He has performed with many orchestras and as a soloist through the world and holds degrees from the Manhattan School of Music.

Catherine Meunier
Catherine Meunier is the first percussionist to win the prestigious Prix d’Europe. She has given concerts in Canada, Mexico, Taiwan and Japan, and has been a guest soloist with the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional of Mexico, the Orchestre symphonique de Sherbrooke, the Orchestre symphonique Longueuil and Ensemble Prestissimo. She is an active performer of contemporary music, having premiered many works for marimba and percussion. Ms. Meunier completed her Doctor of Music in Performance at the Université de Montréal. She also holds degrees from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, McGill University and University of Sherbrooke.

Daryle Redmond
Professor Redmond received his Masters in Music from Arizona State University with J.B. Smith. He has been the Director of NYSSSA School of Orchestral Studies. Prof. Redmond is the percussion specialist for the Plattsburgh Schools and has studied marimba with Leigh Howard Stevens. He performs with the Vermont Symphony.

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- Composer and percussion historian

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