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- He began his musical career in 1963, when he studied composition with Mark Fax at Howard University
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- Hailstork received his doctorate in composition from Michigan State University, where he was a student of H. Owen Reed, in 1971.
- From 1969 to 1971, Hailstork taught at Michigan State University. He then served as a professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio from 1971 to 1976, and in 1977 accepted a post as professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Virginia's Norfolk State University.
- He is currently a professor of music and Composer-in-Residence at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.



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