

ERIC GRAY JOHNSON

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EDUCATION

- August 2020 **Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education**
Department of Music, University of Mississippi
Oxford, MS
Dissertation: *Where Should They Stand? A Study of Choral Directors' Perceptions of Singer Formations Used In An Adjudicated Choral Festival*
- August 2013 **Master of Music Education in Choral Music Education**
College of Music, Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL
- December 2006 **Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Sacred Music Performance**
Hayes School of Music, Appalachian State University
Boone, NC
- July 2009 **Orff Schulwerk Level One Certification**
July 2010 **Orff Schulwerk Level Two Certification**
Hayes School of Music, Appalachian State University
Boone, NC

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- August 2020 – Present **Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Music Education**
Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs NC
Courses Taught:
MUSC 136: Treble Chamber Ensemble
MUSC 225: Music Survey
MUSC 247: Conducting Fundamentals
MUSC 375: Treble Chorale
MUSC 449: 21st Century Musical Understanding
MUSC 450: Student Teaching
EDUC 310: Arts Integration in the Elementary Classroom
EDUC 316: Reading and Writing in the Content Area
- Additional Responsibilities
EdTPA Coach
NA/ME Advisor
Music Department Social Media Manager
- August 2016 – July 2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
University of Mississippi, Oxford MS
Courses Taught:

MUS 103: Introduction to Music (Fall 2016, Fall, 2017, Spring 2018)

MUS 381: Choral Conducting (Spring 2017)

MUS 383: Choral Methods and Administration (Spring 2019)

MUS 384: Choral Literature and Arranging (Fall 2018)

Ensembles:

Women's Ensemble (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Women's Glee (Spring 2019, Assisted Fall 2017)

Men's Glee (Fall 2018)

University Chorus (Spring 2019)

Additional Responsibilities:

Assist in execution of Ole Miss Choral Festival

Assist in Choral Department Recruitment

Lead sectionals and rehearsals for Concert Singers

Assist with concert planning and execution

Assist with choir tour and logistics planning

January 2007 -
May 2016

Director of Choirs

James E. Holmes Middle School, Eden NC

Led a large comprehensive choral program supporting an average of 280 students in five ensembles in daily instruction. Coordinated student musicals, talent shows, community outreach and participation in state and regional choral assessments. Invited performances at conferences of American Choral Directors Association and National Association for Music Education on the state level.

August 2015 –
July 2016

Artistic Director

Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus, Hickory NC

Directed three graded choirs in an auditioned children's choir comprised of grades three through twelve and sponsored by Lenoir-Rhyne University. Revamped choir's handbook and communication practices and set artistic vision for choir's continued growth and development.

August 2008 –
May 2015

Singer

Bel Canto Company, Greensboro NC

Performed with ensemble during the regularly scheduled season performances and outreach events of the Greensboro based professional choir.

August 2007 –
May 2008

Assistant Conductor

Central Carolina Children's Chorus, Winston-Salem NC

Conducted the Young Men's Choir and assisted with the Advance Women's choir. Attended board meetings and assisted with season programming goals.

MUSIC and WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- January 2018 – July 2020 **Director of Music Ministries**
First Baptist Church, Oxford MS
Coordinate all aspects of the music ministry area with a focus on directing the Celebration Choir and Worship Leadership. Plan all congregational music encompassing the use of traditional hymnody and contemporary praise and worship.
- September 2016 – January 2018 **Choir Director**
Water Valley United Methodist Church, Water Valley MS
Organized traditional worship with a focus in directing the Adult Choir in weekly worship. Planned and conducted music for worship services each week and additional services as needed.
- March 2014 – February 2016 **Sanctuary Choir Director**
First Baptist Church, Eden NC
Managed all traditional worship ministries with a focus on directing the Sanctuary Choir in weekly worship. Planned and conducted music for worship services each week and additional services as needed. Developed communal relations and joint service with local churches. Worked with Music and Worship committee to plan worship goals and budget.
- August 2010 – January 2014 **Chancel Choir Director**
First Presbyterian Church, Eden NC
Facilitated all traditional worship with a focus on directing the Chancel Choir in weekly worship. Planned and conducted music for worship services each week and additional services as needed. Worked with Music and Worship committee to plan worship goals and budget.

INVITED CHORAL PERFORMANCES

- 2014 **North Carolina American Choral Directors Association Conference**
Treble Choir, James E. Holmes Middle School
Charlotte, NC
- 2012 **Women’s Atlantic Coastal Conference Basketball Tournament**
Treble Choir, James E. Holmes Middle School
Greensboro, NC
- 2009 **North Carolina Convention of National Association for Music Education**
Treble Choir, James E. Holmes Middle School
Winston-Salem, NC

PUBLICATIONS

- Johnson, E. (2020). There’s More to Riser Logistics than Height. *North Carolina Music Educator*, 70(3), 24-26.

Johnson, E. (2014). Yes, We Test Too: Assessment in the Middle School Choral Classroom. *Carolina Caroler*, 15(2), 5-6.

Johnson, E. (2012). The Three R's of Middle School: Recruit, Retain, Repeat. *Carolina Caroler*, 13(2), 15-17.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS – REFEREED

From First Note to Last Concert: Repertoire for the Developing Middle School Choir

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2019)

Yes, We Test Too: Assessment in the Choral Classroom

Eastern Division American Choral Directors Association Conference (February, 2018)

South Carolina Choral Arts Seminar (September, 2019)

Mississippi Music Educators Association/Choral Directors Association Conference (April 2018)

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2017)

Louisiana American Choral Directors Association (November 2017)

West Virginia American Choral Directors Association (January 2017)

The Three R's of Middle School: Recruit, Retain, Repeat

American Choral Directors Association National Conference (February 2017)

South Carolina Choral Arts Seminar (September, 2019)

Mississippi Music Educators Association/Choral Directors Association Conference (March 2019)

West Virginia American Choral Directors Association (January 2017)

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2013)

What's in Your Toolbox? Strategies for Working with Young Singers

Mississippi Music Educators Association/Choral Directors Association Conference (April 2018)

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2017)

LutherRidge Music and Worship Week (July 2016)

Where the Wild Things Are: Strategies for Working with the Middle School Choir

Wingate University Ages and Stages Workshop (February 2016)

Let's Hear It for The Boys! Strategies for Developing a Thriving Men's Choral Program

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2019)

North Carolina American Choral Directors Association Conference (September 2015)

Your Classroom Computer is for More Than Checking Email

National Association for Music Education National Conference (October 2013)

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2012)

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2011)

I Can Sing, You Can Sing, Together We Sight-sing

North Carolina Music Educators Association Conference (November 2012)

Rockingham County Schools Educators Conference (August 2011)

Mastering Classroom Management in a Technology Rich Environment

Rockingham County Schools Educators Conference (August 2012)

RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS - REFEREED

A History of the Piedmont Invitational Children's Choral Festival (1993-2017)

Poster Presentation, Southern Division American Choral Directors Association
(February 2018)

Poster Presentation, Ole Miss Music Education Research Day (May 2017)

An Analysis of Adjudicator Feedback for High School Treble Choirs at the 2017 Ole Miss Choral Festival

Poster Presentation, Missouri Music Educators Association (January 2018)

A Survey of Singer Placement Utilized by Collegiate Choral Directors in North Carolina

Poster Presentation, Ole Miss Music Education Research Day (May 2017)

The Effect of Excerpt Duration on Gender Based Ensemble Preference of Music Appreciation Students

Poster Presentation, Mid-South Music Research Symposium (February 2017)

GUEST CONDUCTING

2019	Buncombe County Elementary All-County Choir, Asheville NC Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools Middle School Honor Choir, Winston-Salem NC Durham Public Schools Elementary All-County Choir, Durham NC UNCG Summer Music Camp Piano Camp Chorus, Greensboro NC
2018	Granville County Kaleidoscope, Oxford NC UNCG Summer Music Camp Piano Camp Chorus, Greensboro NC
2017	GMEA District 10 6th Grade Honor Choir, Augusta GA UNCG Summer Music Camp Piano Camp Chorus, Greensboro NC
2016	Iredell/Statesville Middle School Honor Choir, Statesville NC Yadkin County All-County Middle School Choir, Yadkinville NC LutherRidge Music Week Middle School Choir, Arden NC UNCG Summer Music Camp Piano Camp Chorus, Greensboro NC
2015	Surry All-County Middle School Choir, Mt. Airy NC UNCG Summer Music Camp Piano Camp Chorus, Greensboro NC
2014	Danville All-City Middle School Choir, Danville VA

Onslow All-County Middle School Choir, Jacksonville NC

2012 **Davidson All-County Elementary Choir, Lexington NC**
Randolph All-County Middle School Choir, Asheboro NC

HONORS and AWARDS

2013 **Teacher Leader**
Rockingham County Schools, Eden NC

2012 **Conducting Master Class with Dr. Ann Howard Jones**
North Carolina American Choral Directors Association Conference,
Greensboro NC

2008 **First Year Teacher of Excellence**
Rockingham County Schools, Eden NC

ORGANIZATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

NAfME (The National Association for Music Education)

ACDA (The American Choral Director's Association)

NCCO (National Collegiate Choral Organization)

Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society)

Phi Kappa Phi (National Honor Society)

Pi Kappa Alpha (National College Fraternity)