

Dr. Jami Lercher

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EDUCATION

2020

Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting

University of Miami, Frost School of Music, Florida

Cognate: Musicology

Dissertation: The life and choral music of Welsh composer Morfydd Owen

2004

Master of Arts in Music, with Merit

University of Wales, Bangor, United Kingdom

Specialization: Welsh Music, Vocal Performance, Teaching Techniques

Thesis: From Signing to Singing: Teaching Music to the Hearing-Impaired

2002

Bachelor of Music Education, Honors with Distinction

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Specialization: K-12 Vocal and General Music

Honors Recital: The Faust Legend in Music

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026-present

Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Studies (Tenure Track)

University of St. Thomas, Department of Music, Film, and Creative Enterprise

Concert Choir

Chamber Choir

Advanced Conducting and Methods, Vocal

2020-2026

Associate Professor of Choral Music Education (submitted for Tenure Fall 25)

Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of the Performing Arts

Treble Choir (MUC 205)

Advanced Choral Conducting (MUC 291)

Conducting Apprenticeship (MUC 493)

Choral Music Methods (MUC 371)

Advanced Choral Music Methods (MUC 471)

Vocal Methods for the Young Singer (MUC 277)

Music Program Administration (MUC 375)

Teaching Music in a Diverse Society (MUC 271)

First Year Experience (FYE 100)

Faculty-led Study Abroad Seminar- Wales (MUC 263)

University Supervisor for Clinical Practice Educators

Fall 2024

Applied Faculty, Sabbatical Conductor

Oberlin College and Conservatory

Musical Union (APST 700)

2017-2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Frost School of Music, University of Miami

Symphonic Choir (MVP 160)

Frost Chorale (MVP 185)

Choral Conducting I (MVP 181)

2017-2019 **Instructor of Record**
Frost School of Music, University of Miami
Women's Chorale (MVP 148)
Experiential Music Curriculum Aural Skills (MTC 207/208)

2009 **Adjunct Faculty**
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
Women's Chorus (MUS 107)

K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-2026 **Youth Music Director**
Temple Beth Israel, Cleveland Ohio
Lead monthly music classes for Hebrew School students (ages 5-13)

2023-2026 **Choral Accompanist**
Berea- Midpark High School, Ohio

2005-2017 **Vocal Music Director Grades 9-12**
Roseville Area High School, Roseville, Minnesota
Director of 5 curricular and extracurricular choirs
Voice lessons for curricular choir students
K-12 music department Curriculum Leader
Staff accompanist
Vocal and pit orchestra conductor for musical theater productions
Music Listening Contest coach
Cooperating teacher for pre-service music educators
Choral program tour organizer

2003-2005 **Vocal/Classroom Music Teacher Grades 4-8**
Atlantic Middle School, Atlantic, Iowa
Director of 4 curricular choirs
General music instructor
Vocal director for musical theater productions

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING, PERFORMING & CONDUCTING

2026 Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Institute for Music Teaching
Language of the Heart, EDU 565
Interlachen College of Creative Arts, Adult Choir Camp Soprano Section Leader
Ohio District 2 Middle School Honor Choir Conductor
Ohio District 7 Middle School Honor Choir Conductor
SINGergy Treble Choir, Soprano

2025 Renatum Chamber Choir, Soprano
BachSings Artistic Director, Fall and Spring High School Honors Festival
Invited performance at Ohio Choral Directors Association, *SINGergy*
Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Institute for Music Teaching
Relevant Choral Repertoire, EDU 565
American Music Abroad (AMA) Collegiate European Tour Conductor
Georgia District XII LGPE Clinician
Ohio District 4 Middle School Honor Choir Conductor
Invited choral performance for Ohio MEA Conference, *BW Treble Choir*

2024 New York All-State Treble Choir Zone One Conductor
Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Institute for Music Teaching

	<i>Sing What You See</i> , Conducting Workshop EDU 565
	MiddleFest North Carolina Honor Choir Conductor
	Suburban Conference Honor Choir Conductor (canceled due to weather)
	Singer in Cleveland Carolers
2023	Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus Featured Clinician
	Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Middle School Choir Camp Conductor
	Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Institute for Music Teaching
	<i>A World of Singing</i> , EDU 565 PM 1
	Oberlin Choristers Honor Choir Conductor
	Lorain County Middle School Honor Choir Conductor
	Baldwin Wallace Treble Choir Festival Conductor and Coordinator
	Eastern Massachusetts Senior Honor Choir Conductor
2022-present	Baldwin Wallace Conservatory Summer Institute Choral Conductor
2022-present	Cleveland Chamber Choir contracted soprano
2022	Ohio District 9 (Marietta) Honor Choir Conductor
2021-2023	Baldwin Wallace Men's Chorus <i>Summer Sing</i> Guest Conductor
	Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Institute for Music Teaching
	<i>Underground Choral Literature</i> , EDU 565 PM2
2022	North Dakota All State Treble Choir conductor
2021	Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School Institute for Music Teaching
	<i>Turning Warm-Ups Upside Down</i> , EDU 565PM1
	<i>Lift Every Voice</i> , EDU 565PM2
	NAfME All Eastern Honor Choir Soprano 2 Section Leader (virtual)
	Oklahoma All-State Choir Soprano Section Leader (virtual)
2020	Frost Young Women's Conducting Symposium
	<i>Choral Division Coordinator and Webinar Series Chair</i>
2018-2020	South Florida Jewish Chorale Artistic Director, Miami FL
2018-2020	University of Miami Chapel Choir Director, Key Largo, FL
2018	Frost Young Musicians Camp Instructor, Miami, FL
2011-2017	Minnesota Chorale Auxiliary Conductor, Minneapolis, MN
1999-2012	Private studio voice teacher, Iowa and Minnesota
2000-2002	University Lutheran Church Music and Worship Director, Ames IA
2001	Ames Children's Choir Student Conductor, Ames, IA
1997-1998	St. Paul Lutheran Church Youth Choir Director, State Center, IA

CLINICS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS

2026	Headliner: Kentucky ACDA Summer Choral Workshop
	Presenter: Tennessee MEA, <i>T Time: Choral Rehearsal Strategies</i>
	Presenter: Ohio MEA, <i>T Time: Choral Rehearsal Strategies</i>
	Presenter: Pennsylvania MEA, <i>T Time: Choral Rehearsal Strategies</i>
	Published Article in <u>Choral Journal</u> , <i>Writing Your Next Chapter</i> , March/April 2026
2025	Co-Presenter: Florida ACDA Fall Conference, <i>Music of Appalachia</i>
	Presenter: Women's Work in Music Conference, London, England, <i>Morfydd Owen</i>
	Headliner: Ohio ACDA Summer Conference
	Poster presentation: National ACDA, Dallas, TX, <i>Seeking Diversity in CPDL</i>
	Presenter: Hawai'i MEA, <i>Turning Warm-Ups Upside Down</i>
	Co-Presenter: Ohio MEA, <i>Universal Design for Learning</i>
	Presenter: Michigan MEA, <i>Turning Warm-ups Upside Down</i>
2024	Presenter: Louisiana ACDA Fall Vocal Conference, <i>Turning Warm-ups Upside Down</i>
	Co-Presenter: NAfME Fall Conference, <i>Universal Design for Learning</i>
	Presenter: Southern ACDA, Louisville, KY, <i>Turning Warm-ups Upside Down</i>
	Presenter: Minnesota MEA, <i>Turning Warm-ups Upside Down</i>
	Presenter: Ohio MEA, <i>The Write Stuff</i>

2023 Presenter: Indiana MEA, *Turning Warm-ups Upside Down*
 ACT Clinician: Pennsylvania Junior District Honor Choir, *The Write Stuff*
 Presenter: Pennsylvania MEA, *Turning Warm-ups Upside Down*
 Hosted composers Eric Whitacre, Moira Smiley, and Sarah Quartel on BW campus
Two Songs of Longing (arr. by Jami Lercher) premiered by Georgia State University

2023 Co-Presenter: National ACDA, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Major Maestras*
 Edition of *Baciai per Aver Vita* (Aleotti) published by Gentry

2022 Presenter at Ohio MEA, *Turning Warm-ups Upside Down*
 Guest lecturer: Florida Southern University, *Interview Skills*
 Presenter: International Federation of Choral Music World Expo in Lisbon,
 Portugal, *The Write Stuff*
 Virtual poster presentation: NCCO National, *Morfydd Owen*
 Co-Presenter: ACDA Southern, Raleigh, NC *Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them*
 Presenter: ACDA Midwest, Chicago, IL, *Maestras of Masterworks*
 Co-Presenter: Ohio MEA, *Standing Out: Landing your first Job*
 Guest lecturer: University of Missoula, Montana, *Choral Warm-Ups*
 Presenter: Florida MEA, *The Write Stuff*

2021 Presenter: Iowa MEA, *Turning Warm-Ups Upside Down*
 Clinician: Clearview High School Professional Development

2020 Edition of *Surge, Propera Amica Mea* (Aleotti) published by Walton Music
 Guest Speaker: Miami Children's Choir Virtual Workshop
 Co-Presenter: Georgia MEA, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*
 Presenter: Florida MEA, *Turning Warm-ups Upside Down*

2019 Presenter: NCCO Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, *Maestras of Masterworks*

2017 Invited Panelist: Chinese Choral Ambassadors, University of Minnesota

2014-2016 Clinician: Blaine High School, Blaine, MN

2014 Presenter: Fall ACDA-MN Conference, *Selecting Repertoire for HS Soloists*

2010 Published article in Melisma, *Successful Solo and Ensemble Contests*

2006 Clinician: Arts in the Parks Festival, Roseville, MN

SERVICE

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)

2025- present National Chair, Resource and Repertoire for Student Activities: Chapter Development

2025 Ohio Choral Directors Association Professional Development Committee Chair
 Selection Committee for 2026 Midwest ACDA Conference Interest Sessions

2020-present Baldwin Wallace ACDA student chapter Advisor

2024 Adjudicator for Graduate Conducting Competition
 Screener for National ACDA Grades 8-10 Treble Choir
 Piano support for Southern ACDA Interest Sessions, Louisville, KY

2017-2020 Frost ACDA student chapter Graduate Advisor, University of Miami, FL

2017 National Conference volunteer, Minneapolis, MN

2014-2017 ACDA-MN Grade 9-10 Treble Honor Choir co-chair

2008-2013 ACDA-MN Grade 9-10 Mixed Honor Choir section coach

2007-2014 ACDA-MN Grade 9-10 Honor Choir adjudicator

2009 National Conference volunteer, Chicago, IL

2005-2008 ACDA-MN Men's/Women's Choir Festival volunteer

2008 NCACDA Regional Conference volunteer, Minneapolis, MN

2007 National ACDA Multicultural Honor Choir auditioned singer, Miami, FL

2006 NCACDA Honor Choir volunteer, Omaha, NE

1998-2001 Iowa State University ACDA student chapter President

National Association for Music Education (NAFME)

2023-present Presider for Professional Development Conference

2022-present Volunteer at District Large Group Adjudicated Events
 2021 Ohio Higher Ed Research Proposal Selection Committee
 2014-2017 MN NAFME All-State choir adjudicator

National Collegiate Choral Organization (NCCO)

2022-2026 National Board Member from the Midwest Region (4 year term)
 2025 Adjudicator for Graduate Conducting Competition
 2023 Regional Representative for Graduate Thesis publications
 2023 Selection Committee for NCCO National Conference Interest Sessions

Baldwin Wallace University

2026 Faculty Co-Leader for study abroad course to Wales
 2025-present Honors and Scholars Advisory Committee
 2025 Fulbright Scholarship Review Committee
 Treble Choir performances for Women’s Center grand opening and Giving Circle
 2024-2025 Week of Welcome Honors Seminar Invited Speaker
 2022- 2025 Graduate Affairs Advisory Committee Member
 2023- 2024 Faculty Champion for Generative AI
 2021-2024 Wellness Advisory Council member
 2022-2024 Amplify Task Force Co-Leader, DEI in Curriculum and Performance Division
 2023 CAS Dalcroze Class Adjudicator
 2021-2022 Homecoming Volunteer and performer
 2022 Collaboration Cohort Team Lead- Monday Morning Mentor Series
 2021-2022 Faculty Reviewer for Ovation
 2022 Music Consultant for BW Theatre production of *The Crucible*
 2021 Greek Sing Guest Judge
 Humanities Core Review Committee
 Summer Scholar Faculty Advisor
 Assessment Palooza Reviewer
 Honors Project Mentor
 Guest Speaker for *The Good Life*, Religion 290
 2020 Music Consultant for BW Theatre production of *Stupid Fucking Bird*

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025 Women for BW Giving Circle Grant Award Winner
 Baldwin Wallace Treble Choir, selected to perform at Ohio MEA Conference
 2024 International Conductors Exchange Program fellow- Israel (postponed)
 2023 Faculty Excellence Award Nominee, sponsored by Student Government
 2018-2020 Graduate Award Funding Council Grant, University of Miami
 2019 Featured choir on *Shoulder to Shoulder* album from the Karrin Allyson Sextet
 2017 ACDA of Minnesota Graduate Study Scholarship Winner
 2016 Young People’s Chorus of New York City Radio Radiance Premiere
 2016 Featured choir at 2016 Clearwater Festival, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
 2015 Featured choir at Minnesota Choral Arts Finale, Minneapolis, MN
 2014 Featured choir at University of Minnesota Spring Sing, Minneapolis, MN
 2002-2003 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Bangor, Wales, U.K.