

Chad E. Pittman

EDUCATION

Doctor of Musical Arts, Choral Conducting

University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona, August 2026

Studies in music performance, choral conducting, instrumental conducting, choral literature, music theory, music history, and music education

Principal Faculty: Elizabeth Schauer, Pamela Decker

Document and Recital Topic: Kevin Allen's *Matri Divinae Gratiae* and *Stowe Missal Eucharistic Motets: A Conductor's Analysis*

Doctor of Philosophy, Music Education

Kent State University, Kent Ohio, 2020-2023

25 hours of doctoral coursework completed: *Studies in music theory, music education philosophies, teaching practices, and research methodologies*

Principal Faculty: Craig Resta, Herbert Marshall, Jay Dorfman

Master of Music, Choral Conducting

Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan, March 2024

Studies in choral conducting practices, choral literature, music theory and history

Principal Faculty: David Rayl, Sandra Snow, Jonathan Reed

Career Technical Licensure in Music, Ohio K-12

Kent State University, Kent Ohio, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

12 credit hour coursework for Ohio CTE licensure

Master of Education, Educational Administration

Cleveland State University, Cleveland Ohio, May 2020

International Baccalaureate (IB) Certification

Acquired and certified, summer 2015

Bachelor of Music Education

Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music

Berea Ohio, May 2014

Licensure: Music Multi-Age K-12

Primary Instrument: Organ Performance

Primary Focus: Choral Conducting

Honors: Outstanding Baldwin Wallace Conservatory Senior Award (2014),
Outstanding Student Teaching award for Music Education (2013)

SIGNIFICANT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities

Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls Texas

Fall 2026-present

- Conduct and teach two choral ensembles: *Midwestern Singers* (non-auditioned mixed choir) and *Oratorio Chorus* (auditioned community choir performing major works)
- Teach classes in conducting, musicianship, and music education: *Basic Conducting, Advanced Conducting, Musicianship III, Voice Class*
- Accompany students in private voice lessons
- Artistic Director of *Red River Choral Festival*
- Weekly recruitment to local schools and choral festivals

Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities

Yavapai College, Prescott Arizona

Fall Semester, 2023

- Conduct and coordinate production of Handel's *Messiah*, featuring guest professional artists, professional orchestra, and semi-professional choir
- Conduct and coordinate fall collaborative choral concert with readings, soloists, creative formations/use of the space and solo performers
- Conduct and teach three choral ensembles: *Master Chorale* (masterworks), *Chamber Singers* (advanced chamber choir), *Community Chorale* (no audition required)
- Teach 10 private voice students from beginners/new singers to conservatory-bound/former professional opera singers
- Teach four music classes: *Advanced Integrated Theory, Voice Class I, Voice Class II, Music Appreciation*

Director of Choruses

Canton Symphony Orchestra, Canton Ohio

Fall 2022-Summer 2023

- Prepare chorus for Major Work, solo and Pops concerts
- Conduct the orchestra when called upon to do so
- Collaborate with administrative, education, and outreach departments

Director of Choirs, Firestone High School/Akron School for the Arts

Akron Public Schools, Akron Ohio, Grades 9-12

Fall 2014-Spring 2021

- Teach and maintain a nationally renowned choral program of six choirs in a high school for the arts
- Chair of Voice Area
- Recruit and retain a diverse population of students from various cities and backgrounds in an urban magnet arts school
- Design a curriculum of concerts, educational trips, collaborations, clinician experiences, and competitions to prepare arts students for conservatory/music school admission
- Design vocal music career technical education curriculum
- Arts department representative for district leadership events

- Music Director for Musicals

Director of Music and Organist

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Massillon Ohio

September 2015-July 2023

- Conduct/teach semi-professional adult choirs, children's choirs, and bell choirs in an historic downtown church
- Facilitate hiring and maintaining of paid choral singers
- Design and maintain a budget and music finances, overseeing several music accounts
- Design and facilitate weekly special music with special musicians for church services
- Found, coordinate and design a professional concert/recital series including professional performers and ensembles from across the country and the world, as well as community performers and ensembles
- Play the organ and piano for all church services and music related events, including monthly weddings and funerals
- Give annual organ recitals for the church and community
- Collaborate with the pastor and other church leaders weekly on church related matters
- Conduct and coordinate collaboration services and concerts with area churches

Head Vocal Counselor/Assistant Choir Director, Summer 2015, 2016

Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory Summer Intensive, Berea Ohio

- Led large group and sectional rehearsals for college vocal programs
- Collaborated with institute choral director to plan for rehearsals, sectionals, and performances
- Privately coached vocal students on individual lesson and workshop repertoire
- Maintain library of choral music

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Interim Director of Music Ministries

First Christian Church, Wichita Falls TX

July 2026-present

- Conduct/teach choir, bell choir, children's choir
- Facilitate hiring and maintaining of paid choral singers
- Facilitate weekly special music with special musicians for church services
- Collaborate with the pastor and other church leaders weekly on church related matters
- Conduct and coordinate collaboration services and concerts with area churches

Director of Choirs, Northwest High School

Northwest Local Schools, Canal Fulton Ohio, Grades 6-12

Fall 2021-Spring 2023

- Administer and conduct an active choral program of seven choirs
- Active recruitment throughout the district
- Design a curriculum of concerts, educational trips, collaborations, clinician experiences, and competitions to prepare arts students for conservatory/ music school admission
- Music Director for Musicals
- Assist at Northwest Middle School

Director of Music and Organist

Church of the Savior United Methodist, Canton Ohio

June 2012-September 2014

- Direct the adult vocal choir
- Direct the adult bell choir
- Direct the children's choir program
- Plan and coordinate professional music collaborations, including paid choir
- Play the organ for Sunday services
- Found and coordinate concert series

Director of Music and Organist

Faith Lutheran Church, Kent Ohio

August 2008-May 2012

Organist, August 2004-August 2008

- Conduct/teach adult choir and bell choir
- Coordinate special music with special musicians for church services
- Play the Organ and piano for all church services and music related events including weddings and funerals

**PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATION
AND
WORKSHOP****American Choral Director's Association 2026 Western Region Conference
San Jose, California**

Featured conductor, selected by audition, for Graduate Conducting Masterclass

**Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) 2020 Fall Conference
Virtual Platform**

Four Invited Performance Sessions (**record-setting number**): Firestone High School
Madrigal Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Choir, Women's Chorus

**Kent State University Department of Music Education 2020 Meeting
Virtual Platform**

Led a workshop for undergraduate Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association (OCMEA) chapter members about teaching and virtual teaching.

**Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) 2020 Spring Annual Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio**

Super Scary Performance Assessments...that Students Absolutely Love
Presented with the Firestone High School Madrigal Singers

**Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) 2019 Spring Annual Conference
Cleveland, Ohio**

Three Performance Sessions (**record-setting number**): Firestone High School Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Choir, Women's Chorus

Akron Public Schools, East High School 2019, 2018

Guest clinician for high school choirs prior to regional honor choir festival

**Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) 2017 Spring Annual Conference
Cleveland, Ohio**

Performance Session: Firestone High School Symphonic Choir

**American Guild of Organists (AGO), Akron Chapter 2016 Winter Meeting
Akron, Ohio**

Workshop for choir directors and organists about choral music techniques, music selection, community development, and repertoire research. Choral reading session included

**Ohio Choral Director's Association (OCDA) 2015 Summer Annual Conference
Westerville, Ohio**

Performance Session: Firestone High School Symphonic Choir

**American Guild of Organists (AGO), Canton Chapter 2014 October Meeting
Massillon, Ohio**

Workshop for choir directors and organists about choral music techniques and warm-ups, music selection, community development, and repertoire research

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

American Choral Directors Association Conferences

- San Jose, 2026 - Regional Conference
- Chicago, 2018 - Regional Conference
- Chicago, 2016 - Regional Conference
- Westerville, 2015 - State Conference
- Cincinnati, 2014 - Regional Conference

American Guild of Organists Conventions

- Phoenix, 2025 - National Convention
- Youngstown, 2017 - Regional Convention
- Houston, 2016 - National Convention
- Indianapolis, 2015 - Regional Convention
- Boston, 2014 - National Convention
- Kalamazoo, 2013 - Regional Convention

Interlochen Arts Camp Adult Choral Institute

Summer 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016

- Worked with Dr. Jerry Blackstone from University of Michigan in a week long institute for adult singers, giving a concert at the end of the week at the Interlochen Center for the Arts

Ohio Music Education Association Conferences

- Virtual, 2020 - State Conference
- Cincinnati, 2020 - State Conference
- Cleveland, 2019 - State Conference
- Columbus, 2018 - State Conference
- Cleveland, 2017 - State Conference
- Cincinnati, 2016 - State Conference
- Cleveland, 2015 - State Conference
- Columbus, 2014 - State Conference
- Columbus, 2013 - State Conference
- Columbus, 2012 - State Conference
- Cincinnati, 2011 - State Conference

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

American Choral Directors Association
Full Member

American Guild of Organists
Full Member and Dean of Chapter

Ohio Music Educations Association
Full Member

National Association for Music Education
Full Member

**Honors and
Awards**

Outstanding Conservatory Senior Award
Baldwin Wallace University, 2014

Student Teaching Achievement Award
Baldwin Wallace University, 2013