

DR. WILLIAM B. CHANDLER, III

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

December 2023	University of Kentucky - Lexington, Kentucky Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting
May 2013	University of Southern Mississippi – Hattiesburg, Mississippi Master of Music in Choral Conducting
May 2011	Millsaps College – Jackson, Mississippi Bachelor of Arts in Music

Teachers

Conducting:

Dr. Jefferson Johnson – University of Kentucky (2020-2022)
Dr. Gregory Fuller – University of Southern Mississippi (2011-2013)
Dr. John Flanery – University of Southern Mississippi (2011-2013)
Dr. Timothy Coker – Millsaps College (2007-2011)

Voice:

Cynthia Lawrence-Calkins - University of Kentucky (2020-2023)
Dr. Cheryl Coker – Millsaps College (2007-2011)
James Martin – Millsaps College (2007-2011)

Certifications

Kodaly Choral Track Level 2 – Southern Methodist University 2018
AP Music Theory – Texas Christian University 2017
International Baccalaureate – Rice University 2016

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Professional Education Experience

McNeese State University

Visiting Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities (Fall 2024-Present)

Courses Taught:

MUSC 495 – Chamber Singers (Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)
MUSC 394 – Concert Chorale (Non-Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)
MUSC 215 – Music Appreciation
MUSC410 – Choral Conducting
MUED 320 – Teaching Elementary Music
MUED 320 – Teaching Vocal Methods
MUED 414 – Teaching Choral Literature

Additional Responsibilities:

Recruiting, planning and executing on-campus and off-campus events, participating in music faculty and education department meetings, supporting choral music education students through their McNeese career, managing the Choral Activities Fund and the McNeese Foundation Account, planning tours and trips, representing McNeese at professional events such as ACDA, LMEA, and TMEA.

Texas Wesleyan University

Visiting Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities (Fall 2022 – Spring 2024)

Courses Taught:

MUS 0088/0188 – Wesleyan Chamber Singers (Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)
MUS 0099/0199 – Blue and Gold Chorus (Non-Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)
MUS 3228 – Fundamentals of Conducting
MUS 4233 – Advanced Choral Conducting
MAP 4201S – Applied Music (Private Conducting Studio)
MAP 1101S – Applied Music (Private Voice Studio)
MUS 4315 – Auxiliary Ensembles (Show Choir and A Cappella Units)
MUS 0257 – Aural Skills Fundamentals
MUS 0356 – Music Theory I
MUS 1302 – Music Theory II
MUS 1304 – Music Theory III
MUS 4321 – Studies in Music Theory - Form
EDU 4611 – Student Teaching Supervision

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Additional Responsibilities:

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University of Kentucky

Teaching Assistant – Choir/Music Theory (Fall 2020 – Spring 2022)

Courses Taught:

MUC 192 – Men's Chorus (Non-Auditioned Tenor/Bass Ensemble)

MUS 171 – Music Theory I

MUS 173 – Music Theory II

MUS 271 – Music Theory III

MUS 273 – Music Theory IV

Courses Assisted:

MUC 192 – Men's Chorus (Non-Auditioned Tenor/Bass Ensemble)

MUC 174 – Advanced Chamber Chorus (Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)

Additional Responsibilities:

Coach for Men's contemporary a cappella group, The AcoUstiKats, Special events planning and execution, Recording audio and video for concerts and rehearsals, Archiving concert recordings, Concert program design

Fort Worth Independent School District

Choir Director – Western Hills High School (Fall 2016 – Spring 2020)

Courses Taught:

Varsity Mixed Choir

Varsity Treble Choir

Non-Varsity Tenor/Bass Choir

International Baccalaureate – Music

AP Music Theory

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Additional Responsibilities:

Choral programming for special needs students, Summer event programming for choir students, STAAR Test monitoring

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Sanger Independent School District

Choir Director – Sanger High School/Sanger Middle School (Fall 2013 – Spring 2016)

Courses Taught:

HS Varsity Mixed Choir

HS Varsity Treble Choir

HS Non-Varsity Tenor/Bass Choir

MS Varsity Treble Choir

MS Non-Varsity Treble Choir

MS Non-Varsity Mixed Choir

Music Appreciation

Leadership and Public Speaking

University of Southern Mississippi

Graduate Assistant – Choir (Fall 2011 – Spring 2013)

Courses Taught:

MUP 687 – Chamber Singers

Courses Assisted:

MUP 483 H001 – Southern Chorale (Top Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)

MUP 483 H002 – Concert Choir (Auditioned Mixed Ensemble)

MUP 483 H003 – Men's Chorus (Non-Auditioned Tenor/Bass Ensemble)

Additional Responsibilities:

Special events planning and execution, Recording audio and video for concerts and rehearsals, Archiving concert recordings, Maintaining music library, Planning tours

Millsaps College

Undergraduate Student (Fall 2007-Spring 2011)

Courses Assisted:

MUSC 15S1 – Millsaps Singers

Additional Responsibilities:

Church Conducting Internship at Northminster Baptist Church, Rehearsal assistant for Millsaps College's production of Britten's *The Beggar's Opera*

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Other Professional Experience

Credo Youth Choir Director - First United Methodist Church – Denton

Denton, Texas (March 2014 – July 2020)

Responsibilities:

Directed the youth choir in weekly rehearsals to perform in one service each month, Participated in other church youth events as requested by the Youth Director, Planned and executed a quarterly bake sale fundraiser, Planned and executed an annual talent show, Planned all aspects and executed an annual youth choir tour that included performances, community service work, special activities.

Musikgarten of Lexington

Lexington, Kentucky (Spring 2021- Summer 2022)

Responsibilities:

Provided private studio lessons in guitar, piano, and ukulele lessons for beginners. Also taught private studio voice to advanced students.

Music Director – Richton United Methodist Church

Richton, Mississippi (August 2011 – June 2013)

Responsibilities:

Directed the church choir in weekly rehearsals and performances for Sunday church services. Directed the local handbell group, The Richton Ringers, Alternated yearly in planning, rehearsing, and conducting a special Christmas masterwork performance as a joint venture with the local Baptist church

Presentations

Chandler, Will and Zanaida Robles. “Sleeping Choral Giant: Rediscovering the Music of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor” Presentation, American Choral Directors Association National Conference. Cincinnati, Ohio. February 22, 2023

Chandler, Will “Smarter, Not Harder: Faster Learning through Prepared Scores” Presentation, Fort Worth ISD Professional Development Day. Fort Worth, Texas. October 10, 2022

Chandler, Will. “Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion in the Choral Classroom” Presentation, University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky. February 25, 2021

Chandler, Will “J.W. Pepper A Cappella Reading Session” Presentation, SING! Texas Vocal Arts Festival. Rockwall, Texas. November 17, 2018

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Chandler, Will “Sight-Reading Workshop” Presentation, Fort Worth ISD. Fort Worth, Texas. Spring 2017

Chandler, Will “J.W. Pepper A Cappella Reading Session” Presentation, SING! Texas Vocal Arts Festival. Rockwall, Texas. November 18, 2017

Chandler, Will. “So, You Want to Teach in Texas?” Presentation, Texas Music Educators Association State Convention. San Antonio, Texas. February 12, 2015

Publications

Chandler, Will. Dissertation. *A Conductor’s Analysis of Selected A Cappella Works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor*. Dissertation, University of Kentucky, 2023.
https://uknowledge.uky.edu/music_etds/236/.

Chandler, Will. “*The 2023 Texas All-State Tenor Bass Choir*” Program Notes for TMEA All-State Tenor/Bass Choir. Eugene Rodgers. San Antonio, Texas. February 11, 2023

Major Works Conducted/Prepared/Rehearsed

Missa in angustiis, Joseph Haydn – MidAmerica Productions (to be performed in Spring 2026)

Rejoice in the Lamb, Benjamin Britten – McNeese Choirs (Spring 2025)

Sinfonia Sacra (Christmas Cantata), Daniel Pinkham – McNeese Choirs (Fall 2024)

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes, Adolphus D. Hailstork III – Texas Wesleyan Chorale (Spring 2024)

Mass No. 2 in G Major, Franz Schubert – Texas Wesleyan Chorale (Fall 2023)

Aida, Giuseppe Verdi (Chorus) – Texas Wesleyan Chorale (Spring 2023)

Magnificat, Taylor Scott Davis – Texas Wesleyan Chorale (Fall 2022)

Symphony No 9 in D minor, Op. 125, Beethoven – University of Kentucky Choirs (Spring 2022)

Belshazzar’s Feast, William Walton – University of Southern Mississippi Choirs (Spring 2013)

Mass in B minor, BWV 232, J.S. Bach – University of Southern Mississippi Choirs (Spring 2012)

Requiem, Mack Wilberg – University of Southern Mississippi Choirs (Spring 2012)

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Guest Conducting

Mid-America Productions *Missa in angustiis* by Joseph Haydn in Carnegie Hall – Director
(*Spring of 2026)

Beaumont Independent School District Honor Choir – Director (Spring 2025)

Texas Music Educators Association Vocal Region 2 Small-School All-Region Chorus – Director
(Fall 2023)

Saint Matthew United Methodist Church – Fort Worth, Texas – Substitute Director
(Spring 2023 – Spring 2024)

Frisco Independent School District Tenor/Bass Choral Festival – Director
(Fall 2022)

First United Methodist Church – Downtown Lexington Chancel Choir – Substitute Director
(Spring 2022)

First United Methodist Church – Denton Chancel Choir – Substitute Director
(Spring 2015 - Spring 2020)

Texas Music Educators Association Small-School All-State Chorus – Tenor Section Leader
(Spring 2020)

Tarleton State University All-State Camp – Small-School Choir Director
(Summer 2019)

Texas Music Educators Association Small-School All-State Chorus – Tenor Section Leader
(Spring 2019)

Bass Hall All-State Camp – Bass Rehearsal Assistant
(Summer 2017)

Texas Music Educators Association Region 5 9th/10th-Grade Honor Choir – Tenor Section
Leader (Fall 2016)

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Choral Clinics

LaGrange High School Clinic – Lake Charles Louisiana (Spring 2024)
S.J. Welsh Middle School Clinic – Lake Charles, Louisiana (Spring 2024)
Lumberton High School UIL Clinic – Lumberton, Texas (Spring 2024)
Bell City High School Choir Clinic – Bell City, Louisiana (Spring 2024)
Alief Hasting High School UIL Clinic – Houston Texas (Spring 2024)
Alief Elsik High School UIL Clinic – Houston Texas (Spring 2024)
West Brook High School Sightreading Clinic – Beaumont, Texas (Fall 2024)
A.M. Barbe High School Choir Clinic – Lake Charles, Louisiana (Fall 2024)
Denton High School UIL Clinic – Denton, Texas (Spring 2024)
Burleson High School UIL Clinic – Burleson, Texas (Spring 2024)
Beatrice High School DFW Tour Clinic – Beatrice, Nebraska (Spring 2024)
Arlington Heights High School UIL Clinic – Fort Worth, Texas (Spring 2024)
Western Hills High School UIL Clinic – Fort Worth, Texas (Spring 2024)
Ford High School UIL Clinic – Quinlan, Texas (Spring 2024)
Springtown High School – Springtown, Texas (Fall 2023)
Lebanon Trail High School UIL Clinic – Frisco, Texas (Spring 2023)
Heritage High School UIL Clinic – Frisco, Texas (Spring 2023)
Paschal High School UIL Clinic – Fort Worth, Texas (Spring 2023)
Sunnyvale High School All-State Area Clinic – Sunnyvale, Texas (Spring 2023)
Arlington Heights High School – Fort Worth, Texas (Fall 2022)
Heritage High School – Frisco, Texas (Fall 2022)
Keene High School – Keene, Texas (Fall 2022)
Lewisville High School – Lewisville, Texas (Spring 2019)
White Station High School – Memphis, Tennessee (Spring 2018)
Northside High School – Fort Worth, Texas (Spring 2016)

Choral Adjudication Experience

Spirit of Southern Invitational – University of Southern Mississippi (2025)
Beaumont ISD Pre-UIL (2025)
Louisiana Music Educators Association District V Solo and Ensemble Assessment (2025)
Brewer High School Pre-UIL (2024)
UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest – Region 2 (2024)
Crowley High School Pre-UIL (2019)
Castleberry Pre-UIL (2019)
International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella Semi-Finals – Southwest Region (2019)
Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest – Burleson ISD (2019)

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Special Events Programming

LMEA Region V Honor Choirs – McNeese State University – McNeese State University (2025)
Presidential Investiture Ceremony – McNeese State University (2024)
Messiah – Lake Charles Messiah Chorus (2024)
McNeese Holiday Spectacular – McNeese State University (2024)
McNeese High School Choral Festival – McNeese State University (2024)
LMEA/ACDA All-State Day Camp – McNeese State University (2024)
Presidential Investiture Ceremony – Texas Wesleyan University (2024)
Alumni Reunion Choir – Texas Wesleyan University (2024)
Homecoming Memorial Service – Texas Wesleyan University (2023)
Round 1 Review All-State Day Camp – Texas Wesleyan University (2023, 2022)
Southern Division ACDA Men's Chorus Performance/Trip – University of Kentucky (2022)
Male Chorus Day – University of Kentucky (2022)
Bluegrass Choral Music Festival – University of Kentucky (2021)
Texas Vocal Arts Convention – SING! Texas (2019)
Small-School All-State Auditions Round 1 – Texas Music Educators Association Vocal Region 2 (2019)
Small-School All-State Camp – Fort Worth ISD (2019)
Credo Youth Choir Salt Lake City Tour – FUMC-Denton (2019)
Texas Vocal Arts Festival – SING! Texas (2018)
Texas Choral Directors Association Convention Logistics Chair (2018)
School All-State Camp – Fort Worth ISD (2018)
Credo Youth Choir Houston Tour – FUMC-Denton (2018)
Western Hills High School Memphis, Tennessee Trip (2018)
Texas Vocal Arts Festival – SING! Texas (2017)
Texas Choral Directors Association Convention Logistics Chair (2017)
Credo Youth Choir Tennessee Tour – FUMC-Denton (2017)
Credo Youth Choir Talent Show – FUMC-Denton (2017)
Texas Choral Directors Association Convention Logistics Chair (2016)
Credo Youth Choir New York City Tour – FUMC-Denton (2016)
Credo Youth Choir Talent Show – FUMC-Denton (2016)
UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest Host – Sanger High School (2016)
Texas Choral Directors Association Convention Logistics Chair (2015)
Credo Youth Choir Deep South Tour – FUMC-Denton (2015)
Credo Youth Choir Talent Show – FUMC-Denton (2015)
UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest Host – Sanger High School (2015)
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Southern Experience Show Choir Camp – University of Southern Mississippi (2013)
Hungary/Romania Choir Tour – University of Southern Mississippi (2013)
Salt Lake City Graduate Trip – University of Southern Mississippi (2012)
Southern Invitational Choral Conference – University of Southern Mississippi (2012)
Southern Experience Show Choir Camp - University of Southern Mississippi (2012)
Hymnfest – University of Southern Mississippi (2012)
Italy Choir Tour - University of Southern Mississippi (2012)
Southern Invitational Choral Conference – University of Southern Mississippi (2011)

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Professional Service

Chair-Elect – Texas Music Educators Association Vocal Region 5 Small Schools (2019)
Vice-President – SING! Texas (2017-2020)
Board Member – SING! Texas (2016-2017)
State Representative – A Cappella Education Association (2016-2020)
Logistics Committee Chair - Texas Choral Directors Association (2015-2020)

Memberships:

American Choral Directors Association
College Music Society
Louisiana Chapter – American Choral Directors Association
Louisiana Music Educators Association
Texas Music Educators Association
A Cappella Education Association
SING! Texas

References

Conducting References:

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Dr. Greg Fuller
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Secondary School Experience:

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Director of Choral and Elementary Music
Fort Worth ISD (retired)
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Higher Education:

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Dr. Lonny Benoit
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Research and Scholarship:

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Recordings

Here is a link to my YouTube channel, where you can see various recordings of rehearsals and performances of groups under my direction: <https://www.youtube.com/@willchandlerchoir>

All rehearsal videos are over 20 consecutive minutes. Texas Wesleyan University performances are also over 15 consecutive minutes.

Below are a few videos that particularly highlight my skillsets with ensembles:

Rehearsals:

McNeese State University Chamber Singers (Spring 2025):

https://youtu.be/fOKtQwexrm4?si=38_S4ivvGGEIHUyV

The University of Kentucky Chorale (Fall 2021):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KK1AcdmK8kE&t=10s>

The University of Kentucky Men's Chorus (Spring 2021):

<https://youtu.be/dQAIYFgVCzY?si=tgsAKKDvBSLJ9XbA>

Performances:

McNeese State University Chamber Singers (Fall 2024): Audience View

<https://youtu.be/GCBrClmI4fU?si=kYDVQM4RjnLUWvQY>

https://youtu.be/8NruoH3M0mw?si=LRia6_yHkD-f2AfP

Texas Wesleyan University Singers (Spring 2024): Audience View **(Over 15 minutes)**

https://youtu.be/YkwCu_csWkk?si=ecH1jbbKg-2pIFDS

The University of Kentucky Men's Chorus (Spring 2022): Podium View

https://youtu.be/DBvV6brFaPk?si=fPoI12eqeFc9P_XR

The University of Kentucky Chorale (Fall 2021): Podium View

https://youtu.be/UgrYxURUXKE?si=OXCspm2nrBS_YuFX

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes by Adolphus Hailstork - Texas Wesleyan Chorale (Spring 2024):
(Over 15 minutes)

Audience View - <https://youtu.be/r2fZs7Bfpn8>

Podium View - <https://youtu.be/4FztPqYcSbc>