FRANK A. WATKINS

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EDUCATION

2016	D.M.A Choral Conducting Michigan State University East Lansing, MI Document: "I, Too Sing America," the Choral Music of Florence Price Advisor: David Rayl
	Conducting Faculty: David Rayl, Sandra Snow, Jonathan Reed
2011	M.M. Choral Conducting Northwestern University Evanston, IL Conducting Faculty: Robert A. Harris
2004	M.M. Piano Performance University of Arkansas Fayetteville, AR Piano Faculty: Jura Margulis
2001	B.M. Piano Performance Jackson State University Jackson, MS Piano Faculty: Karen Laubengayer Conducting Faculty: Willenham Castilla
PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	
2025	Associate Professor of Music, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (beginning Aug. 2025)
2020 - 2025	Associate Professor of Music, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
2014 - 2020	Assistant Professor of Music, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
2014	Interim Director of Choral Activities, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL
2011 - 2014	Graduate Assistant, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
2009 - 2011	Graduate Assistant, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
2001 - 2003	Graduate Assistant, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
PROFESSIONAL ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE	
2022 - 2025	Artistic Director and Conductor, Master Singers, Eau Claire, WI

2020 - 2025 Director of Music and Worship, Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI

2016 - 2024 Artistic Director and Conductor, Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, Eau Claire, WI

PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY TEACHING

2020 - 2025 Director of Music and Worship, Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI
2014 - 2020 Director of Music and Worship, Peace Lutheran Church, Menomonie, WI
2003 - 2009 Director of Choral Activities, John Tyler High School, Tyler, TX

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

INVITED CONFERENCE PERFORMANCES

2024 <u>ACDA Midwestern Conference - Conference Recordings</u>
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire - Concert Choir

Omaha, NE - February 2024

2023 Wisconsin Music Educators Association State Conference

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire - Concert Choir

Madison, WI - October 2023

2023 Wisconsin Choral Directors Association State Conference

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire - Women's Concert Chorale

Appleton, WI - January 2023

2020 ACDA Central - North Central Conference - Recordings

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire - Concert Choir

Milwaukee, WI - March 2020

2018 Wisconsin Music Educators Association State Conference

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire - Concert Choir

Madison, WI - October 2018

GUEST CONDUCTING

2025	Wisconsin All Stars of Music, Madison, WI	
	Central Wisconsin All-Star Band/Choir, Wittenberg, WI	
2024	Marawood All-Conference Honor Choir, Rib Mountain, WI	

Dakota Valley Honor Choir, Apple Valley, MN Wright Conference Honor Choir, Delano, MN Summer Music Clinic, Madison, WI 2023 Suburban East Conference Festival, Mounds View, WI Cloverbelt Honor Choir, Gilman, WI International Music Camp, Minot, ND 2022 Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State High School Treble Honor Choir, Madison, WI Conference High School Honor Choir, Wonewoc, WI Dairyland All Conference Honor Choir, Whitehall, WI Northwest Suburban Conference, Blaine, MN 2021 Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State High School Mixed Honor Choir, Madison, WI Upper St. Croix Valley Music Honor Choir, Grantsburg, WI Northwestern Suburban Conference Festival, Blaine, MN 2020 Lake Conference Treble Choir, Eden Prairie, MN 2019 2019 Lakeshore Concert Festival, Manitowoc, WI Big 8 Conference Choral Festival, Madison, WI District Honor Choir, Mauston, WI Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI Indiana University Pennsylvania Choral Festival, Indiana, PN 2018 Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI

	Stillwater Men's Choir Festival, Lake Elmo, Mn
	High School Song Festival, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
	Cloverbelt All-Conference Honor Choir, Cadott, WI
2017	Charles County All-County High School Honor Choir, Charles County, MD
	Great Northern All Conference Choir, Eagle River, WI
	University of Colorado-Boulder Choirs, Boulder, CO
	Red Cedar Honor Choir, Chetek, WI
	Lake Conference Treble Choir, Eden Prairie, MN
	Big Nine Festival Honor Choir, Red Wing, MN
2016	University of Nebraska Omaha Middle Level Honor Choir, Omaha, NE
	Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, Eau Claire, WI
	UW-Eau Claire Baroque Chamber Orchestra, Eau Claire, WI
2015	Lakeland All Conference Honor Choir, Cameron, WI
	Dunn St. Croix County Honor Choir, Glenwood City, WI
2014	University of Nebraska - Omaha Collegiate Choirs, Omaha, NE
	Clearwater Choral Festival, UW-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
	Southwestern ACDA Convention Collegiate Choir, Jacksonville, FL
2013	Mid-Michigan High School Honor Choir, Olivet, MI
2012	Northwestern University Graduate Composition Recital, Evanston, IL
2011	Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra, Evanston, IL
2010	Northwestern University Graduate Composition Recital, Evanston, IL

2009 Regional Conductor, 105 Voices of History: National Historically Black College

And University Chorus, Wiley, TX

Tyler ISD All-City Middle School Honor Choir, Tyler, TX

2008 Tyler ISD All-City Middle School Honor Choir, Tyler, TX

Tyler ISD Convocation Choir and Orchestra, Tyler, TX

2007 Tyler ISD All City Middle School Honor Choir, Tyler, TX

GUEST CLINICIAN

2025 Guest Clinician, St. Cloud Apollo High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Fall Creek High School, Fall Creek, WI

Guest Clinician, Maple Grove High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Elk Mound High School, Elk Mound, WI

Guest Clinician, Craig High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Chilton High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Watertown Mayer High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Columbia Heights Choir High School, Minneapolis, MN

Guest Clinician, Appleton North High School, Eau Claire, WI

2024 Guest Clinician, West Central High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Southwest High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Maple Grove Middle School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Hortonville High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Mendota Heights High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Armstrong High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Elk Mound High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Bloomer High School, Bloomer, WI

Guest Clinician, St. Michaels Albertville High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Loyall High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Jordan High School, Eau Claire, WI

2023 Guest Clinician, Pius XI Catholic High School, Milwaukee, WI

Guest Clinician, Elk Mound High School, Elk Mound, WI

Guest Clinician, Northfield Youth Choirs, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN

Guest Clinician, Chorale a Nouveau, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Minneapolis South High School, Minneapolis, MN

Guest Clinician, Win-E Mac High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Barnum High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Watertown Mayer High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Foley High School, Eau Claire, WI

2022 Guest Clinician, Osceola High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Benson High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Buffalo Area High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Kewaunee Area School District, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Lake of the Woods High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, West Bend Area High School, Eau Claire, WI

Guest Clinician, Barnesville Area High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Germantown High School, Eau Claire, WI 2021 Guest Clinician, United South-Central High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Gospel Music Workshop, Augsburg University, St. Paul, MN Guest Clinician, Rockford Area High School, Eau Claire, WI 2020 Guest Clinician, Eden Prairie High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Edina High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Portage High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Chippewa Falls Area High School, Chippewa, WI 2019 Guest Clinician, Village Harmony Music Camp, Fairlee, VT Guest Clinician, Deer River High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Indiana University Pennsylvania, Indiana, PN Guest Clinician, McGregor High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Red Wing High School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Eden Valley High School, Eau Claire, WI 2018 Guest Clinician, Bertha-Hewitt High School, Bertha, MN Guest Clinician, St. Cloud Apollo High School Choir, St. Cloud, MN Guest Clinician, St. John's Preparatory School, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Cambridge High School Choir, Eau Claire, WI Guest Clinician, Lake of the Woods High School, Eau Claire, WI

Southeast Minnesota A Cappella Festival, Mayo Rochester, MN

2017

SongFest Summer Camp, *Traditional Gospel Music*, Gambia Island, Vancouver, CD

University of Colorado-Boulder, Clinic/Conducting Masterclass, Boulder, CO

Guest clinician, Spring Lake Park High School, Spring Lake Park, MN

Guest clinician, *Clayton High School*, Clayton, WI Guest clinician, *Eden Prairie High School*, Eden Prairie, MN

Guest clinician, Kimball High School, Kimball, MN

Guest clinician, Maple Lake High School Choir, Maple Lake, MN

Guest clinician, Stillwater Area Schools Choirs, Stillwater, MN

Guest clinician, Rocori High School Choir, Cold Spring, MN

Guest clinician, Crosby Ironton Choir, Crosby, MN

Guest clinician, Ashly High School Choir, Ashly, MN

Guest clinician, Eden Valley High School Choir, Eden Valley, MN

2016 Guest clinician, Chippewa High School Choir, Chippewa, WI

2015 Guest clinician, Bella Voce- Blaine High School, Blaine, MN

2014 Guest clinician, Parker Middle School Honor Choir, Howell, MI,

Guest clinician, Livingston County Women's Chorus, Brighton MI

2013 Guest clinician, *Choral Conducting Master Class*, for choral music education students at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Guest clinician, The Ohio State University Symphonic Chorus, Columbus, OH

Clinician, Mid-Michigan Festival Clinic, Wayne, MI

2011 Workshop facilitator, *Developing a Vibrant Choral Tone*, First Church of God in Christ, Evanston, IL

2008 Guest clinician, Stewart Middle School Choir, Tyler, TX

Guest clinician, Kilgore High School Choir, Kilgore, TX

2007 Workshop facilitator, *Developing a Vibrant Choral Tone*, Faith United Baptist Church, Swansea, IL

GUEST TEACHING AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 Guest lecture, Community of Care for Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Recipients, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Guest lecture, *Gospel Music Performance and Practice*, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN

2023 Panelist, *Nurturing Black Conductors into Collegiate Leadership*, American Choral Directors Association National Conference, Cincinnati, OH

Guest lecture, *Gospel Music Performance and Practice Workshop*, Village Harmony, Cape Town and Polokwane, South Africa

2021 Guest lecture, A Culturally Relevant Music Classroom, Eau Claire, WI

Guest lecture, *Gospel Music Performance and Practice,* Village Harmony Winter Weekend Festival, Fairlee, VT

Guest lecture, *My Journey as a Black Conductor*, Urban League of Greater Madison and Madison Schools, Madison, WI

2020 Guest Panelist, Black Music Experience Conference, Chicago, IL

Guest lecture, *The History of Gospel and Spiritual Traditions* – Northwest Suburb Choral Society, Chicago, IL

Guest lecture, *Equity and Diversity in the Choral Classroom*, CNAFME Student Chapter, Eau Claire, WI

Guest lecture, *The History of Gospel and Spiritual Traditions* - ACDA Student Chapter, Eau Claire, WI

Guest lecture, Village Harmony Music Camp, Capetown, South Africa

	Guest lecture, Village Harmony – Winter Weekend Festival, Fairlee, VT
2019	Guest lecture, Village Harmony Music Camp, Fairlee, VT
2017	Southeast Minnesota A Cappella Festival, Rochester, MN
	SongFest Summer Camp, <i>Traditional Gospel Music</i> , Gambia Island, Vancouver, CD
	University of Colorado-Boulder, Clinic/Conducting Masterclass, Boulder, CO
2015	Conference Presenter, <i>But I Only Have 10 Minutes</i> , Wisconsin Music Educators Association Conference, Madison WI
	Poster Presentation, <i>Choral Works of Florence Price</i> , National Collegiate Choral Organization National Conference, Portland, OR
	Guest lecture, <i>Choral Conducting for Beginning Conductors</i> , University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
	Guest lecture, Women during the Harlem Renaissance- the music of Florence Price, for the seminar class "Black Women" at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
2013	Guest lecture, <i>Teaching in the Inner-City School</i> , The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
	Guest lecture, <i>Developing Expressive Singers</i> , <u>Music and Christian Arts Ministry</u> <u>International Music and Christian Arts Conference</u> , Chicago, IL
	Guest lecture, <i>Teaching in the Inner-City School</i> , Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
	Guest lecture, <i>Developing Expressive Singers</i> , Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
2012	Guest lecture, <i>Teaching in the Inner-City School</i> , Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
2011	Workshop facilitator, <i>Developing a Vibrant Choral Tone</i> , First Church of God in Christ, Evanston, IL
2007	Workshop facilitator, Developing a Vibrant Choral Tone, Faith United Baptist

Church, Swansea, IL

COMMISSIONED WORKS

2025	She Walks in Beauty, Zachary J. Moore, Master Singers - Eau Claire, WI
2024	<u>Magnificat</u> , Heidi Joosten, Master Singers - Eau Claire, WI
2020	<u>Let My Silence Grow</u> , Zachary J. Moore, Concert Choir - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
2019	<u>She</u> , Heidi Joosten, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
2019	<u>The Lord is the Everlasting God</u> , Heidi Joosten, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
2019	We Are the Ones, Marie-Claire Saindon, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, ACDA Soprano Alto Choir Consortium
2019	Lux Veritatis, Daniel J. Hall, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, ACDA Soprano Alto Choir Consortium
2017	Fall, Sweet Music, Eric Barnum, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, ACDA Soprano Alto Choir Consortium
2017	I Am the Wind, Elaine Hagenberg, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, ACDA Soprano Alto Choir Consortium
2017	You Are The Light of Stars, Joanne Metcalf, Women's Concert Chorale - University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, ACDA Soprano Alto Choir Consortium
2015	<u>Always Keep This Close</u> , Zachary J. Moore, Women's Concert Chorale University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

ADJUDICATION

2020	Lake Conference Treble Choir, Eden Prairie, MN	
	WSMA Solo & Ensemble, Wausau, WI	
2019	Music in the Parks Festival, Shakopee, MN	

2018	Worlds of Fun Choir Festival, Kansas City, MO
2017	Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA) – Choral Conducting Competition, State Conference, January 2017
	Lake Conference Treble Choir, Eden Prairie, MN
	Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Solo/Ensemble Adjudicator
2016	St. Croix Valley Music Educators Association Festival, Dunn County, WI
	Blue Hills Choral Festival, Cameron, WI
	Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Solo/Ensemble Adjudicator
2015	UWEC - Keyboard Concerto Competition, Eau Claire, WI
	UWEC - Orchestral Conducting Competition, Eau Claire, WI
2013	Michigan School Vocal Music Association District-4 High School Choral Festival, Southfield Lathrup High School
2012	Michigan School Vocal Music Association District High School Choral Festival
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GRANT WRIT	Visiting Minority Scholars and Artists Program - UW Eau Claire Clearwater Middle Level Festival, Erin Stier, conductor
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Clearwater Middle Level Festival, G. Phillip Shoultz, *conductor* Primary Investigator, \$809.00 (awarded)

Visiting Minority Scholars and Artists Program - UW Eau Claire
Clearwater Middle Level Festival, Dr. Craig Robertson, *conductor*Primary Investigator, \$1,200 (awarded)

2020 Domestic Intercultural Immersion Program - UW Eau Claire Somali Immersion Program Principal Investigator, \$10,000 (awarded)

Summer Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) - UW Eau Claire Choral Literature and Conducting Course Redesign (MUED 400) Co-Investigator, \$5,200 (awarded)

2019 International Fellows Program - UW Eau Claire
Black South African Choral Music
Primary Investigator, \$25,000 (submitted, not awarded)

Professional Development Travel Grant - UW Eau Claire Historic Choral Traditions of the Republic of Georgia Primary Investigator, \$1,500 (awarded)

Visiting Minority Scholars and Artists Program - UW Eau Claire Clearwater Choral Invitational: Steven Hankle, conductor Primary Investigator, \$1,000 (awarded)

Visiting Minority Scholars and Artists Program - UW Eau Claire The African American Spiritual: Conversations with Stacey Gibbs Primary Investigator, \$1,000 (awarded)

Domestic Intercultural Immersion Program - UW Eau Claire Somali Immersion Program Co-Principal Investigator, \$10,000 (awarded)

2017 International Fellows Program - UW Eau Claire
Black is My Beauty – Music and Colorism in Senegal
Primary Investigator, \$65,000 (awarded)

Strategic Initiative Project Proposal - UW Eau Claire UWEC – Senegal Exchange Program Primary Investigator, Undisclosed Amount (awarded) International Fellows Program - UW Eau Claire Hip-Hop and Rap: The Not So "Silent" Political Protest in Senegal Primary Investigator, \$55,000 (awarded)

Domestic Intercultural Immersion Program - UW Eau Claire Somali Immersion Program Co-Principal Investigator, \$10,000 (awarded)

2015 Bring Theory to Practice Project - Kellogg Foundation
UWEC Men of Color Pilot Program
Co-Principal Investigator, \$10,000 (submitted but not funded)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire

2016 - 2025 Instructor, Concert Choir, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Choral Literature and Conducting, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Applied Lessons (Conducting), Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Directing Practicum - Cabaret Productions, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Student Teacher Supervision, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

2014 - 2025 Instructor, Women's Concert Chorale, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

2014 - 2017 Instructor, Women's Chorus, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Symphonic Choir, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Seminar in Music Education, Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Instructor, Novum Voce (Chamber Choir), Department of Music and Theatre Arts

Courses taught at the University of North Florida

2014 Instructor, Concert Chorale, Department of Music

Instructor, Choral Methods and Materials, Department of Music

Instructor, Men's Glee Club, Department of Music

Instructor, Women's Chorus, Department of Music

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2025 2027 College & University R&R Chair, Arizona Choral Directors Association. Provide administrative and organizational support to the board. Serve as a liaison and resource hub for collegiate choral conductors.
- 2023 2025 President Elect, Wisconsin Choral Directors Association. Provide administrative and organizational support to the President. Organize, plan, and host the annual state conference.
- 2023 Singing in Wisconsin Festival, Wisconsin Choral Directors Association. Serve as the festival manager and host site for the Northwest Region of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association.
- 2016 2020 Northwest Representative, Wisconsin Choral Directors Association

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025 Chair, Director of Athletic Bands Search Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

Festival Manager, Wisconsin Schools Music Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. Laurie Fellenz, Executive Director - WSMA

2024 Festival Manager, Wisconsin Schools Music Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

Nominating Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

Black History Month Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

2023 Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Voice, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

Black History Month Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire 2022 Policy and Procedures Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Safety Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire 2020 Chair, Assistant Professor of Choral Music, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Diversity Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire 2018 UW Eau Claire and UW Barron County Transition Steering Team, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Viennese Ball Planning Committee, Department of Music and Theatre Arts, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Choral Directors Association	National Collegiate Choral Organization
Wisconsin Choral Directors Association	Chorus America
College Music Society	Conductor's Guild

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022	Artistic Director and Conductor, <i>Master Singers</i> , Eau Claire, WI
2020	Tenure - Associate Professor of Music, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
2020	Promotion - Associate Professor of Music, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
2016 - 2024	Music Director and Conductor, Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, Eau Claire, WI