



**Jennifer M. Garrett** is the director of choral activities at Bakersfield College where she conducts the College Choir and Chamber Singers. She also teaches Music Appreciation, is the musical director for the musical theater productions at Bakersfield College, and serves as the director of the Applied Music program. Under her the direction the Applied Music program and the choral program have experienced great growth. Dr. Garrett strives to build relationships between Bakersfield College and the local schools through traveling to the local schools and hosting high school and middle school festivals at Bakersfield College. Under her direction the Bakersfield College Chamber Singers represented the College on a performance tour of Rome, Florence, and Venice, Italy in June 2015. The Chamber Singers will next be performing in the Sydney Opera House under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson in July of 2018.

Dr. Garrett is a popular clinician, guest speaker, accompanist, adjudicator, and guest conductor. In the community she recently created the Bakersfield Deseret Chorale which experienced a highly successful first season. Dr. Garrett also received the Outstanding Collegiate Educator of the Year from the Kern County Music Educators Association and an Outstanding Leadership Award from Bakersfield College. In addition to holding membership with NAFME (National Association for Music Education), and ACDA (American Choral Directors Association, she also serves on the panel of the National Collegiate Choral Association for the NCCO Choral Series.

For the past 20 years Dr. Garrett has also dedicated her time and energy to directing church choirs and her private voice and piano studio. She has also accompanied for voice and instrumental lessons, recitals, and juries across the country.

Before coming to Bakersfield College in 2012 Dr. Garrett taught at California State University Bakersfield. From 2008-2010 she conducted the ninety-eight voice Arizona State University Women's Chorus and the Arizona Deseret Chorale. From 2000-2004 Dr. Garrett taught at Wasatch High School in Heber City, Utah where her choirs consistently received superior ratings at festivals. She also received the honor of "favorite teacher of the year" quite consistently at Wasatch High. Dr. Garrett is a native of Washington state. She began her conducting training at Brigham Young University with Dr. Ronald Staheli and Rosalind Hall, receiving a degree in music education. At the University of Nebraska Lincoln she pursued a Masters in choral conducting under Pete Eklund. Her doctorate in choral conducting is from Arizona State University where she worked with Gregory Gentry and David Schildkret. Dr. Garrett is married to Matthew Garrett who is a history professor at Bakersfield College. They live in Bakersfield with their three wonderful daughters.