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EDUCATION

Professional Preparation

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL — 2022 – 2025
Doctor of Philosophy, Music Education
Dissertation title: *Effects of Varied Timbral Instruction on Singing Production* [Defended dissertation on June 26, 2025]
Dissertation advisors: Dr. Ann Harrington & Dr. Steven Kelly

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL — 2016 – 2018
Master of Music Education, Choral Music Education
Summa cum Laude

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL — 2005 – 2009
Bachelor of Music Education, Choral Music Education
Magna cum Laude

Nondegree Education and Training

Orff Schulwerk Level 2	2024
Orff Schulwerk Level 1	2023
Cooperating Teacher, University of South Florida	Fall 2022
Certified Drum Circle Facilitator, Village Music Circles	January 2022
TI:ME I & II Certification, Pinellas County, FL	2012

TEACHING

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Instruction of Music Education, Texas State — 2026 – Present
Instructor of Record

- Foundations of Music Education (MU 2123) — Fall 2026
- Departmental Recital (MU 1000/2000/3000/4000)
- Faculty Field Supervisor (EDST 4380)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Music Education, Oakland University — 2025 – 2026
Instructor of Record

- Educational Psychology in Music (MUE 2441) — Winter 2026

- Elementary General Music Methods (MUE 3441) — Fall 2025
- Teaching Music to Learners with Exceptionalities (MUS 4434) — Fall 2025
  Asynchronous, online course

Substitute Teacher, EduStaff (Oakland County, MI) — 2025 – 2026

- Rochester Community Schools
- Troy School District
- Waterford School District

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Music Education, Florida State University — 2023 – 2025

Instructor of Record

- Reading and Teaching: Elementary Music (MUE 3311) Lab — 2024 – 2025
- Musicianship Elective, FSU Summer Music Camps — Summer 2024
  High School and Middle School- 5 sections

Teaching Assistant

- Freshman Music Education Seminar (MUS 1010) — 2023 – 2025
- ESOL in the Music Classroom (MUE 4324) — 2023 – 2025
- Reading and Teaching: Elementary Music (MUE 3311) — 2023 – 2025
- FSU Capital Children's Choir (MUE 5942) — 2023 – 2025
  Co-conductor
- Introduction to Graduate Studies in Music Education (MUE 5938) — Summer 2024
- Graduate Tutorial: Experimental Research in Music (MUE 5937) — Summer 2024
- University Supervisor- Internship in Music Education — Spring 2024
  Student Teachers in Tallahassee, FL & Ft. Walton Beach, FL
- Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) — 2023 – 2024
  Facilitated two undergraduate students in research poster project
- FSU Capital Children's Choir Internship (MUE 5942) — Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Children's Orff Ensemble Director, Thomasville First Methodist Church (Thomasville, GA) — 2023 – 2024

- 3rd-5th grade students
- Choir rehearsal, Orff arrangements, ukulele instruction, performance in Church services throughout the semester

Handbell Director, Thomasville First Methodist Church (Thomasville, GA) 2022 – 2025

- Chancel Bells Director

Substitute Teacher, Leon County Schools (Tallahassee, FL) 2022 – 2025

- Apalachee Elementary School
- Astoria Park Elementary School
- Hawks Rise Elementary School
- John G Riley Elementary School
- Kate Sullivan Elementary School
- Sabal Palm Elementary School
- Cobb Middle School
- Swift Creek Middle School
- Leon High School
- Lincoln High School

Private Music Instructor (Lee County, Pinellas County, Leon County) 2009 – 2023

- Voice, Piano, Guitar; ages 5 to 69

Bethel Lutheran Church Music Director, Clearwater, FL

- Choir & Handbell Director 2017 – 2022
- Children's Handbell Director 2012 – 2022

Elementary Music Specialist, Pinellas County Schools 2010 – 2022

- High Point Elementary, Clearwater, FL 2017 – 2022
- District-based Music Itinerant Teacher, Pinellas County 2014 – 2017
- District-based Music Itinerant Teacher, Pinellas County 2010 – 2011

Chorus Teacher (Pinellas County Schools)

- Largo Middle School, Largo, FL 2011 – 2014
- St. Michael Lutheran School, Fort Myers, FL (Lee County) 2009 – 2010
- Diplomat Middle School, Cape Coral, FL (Lee County) 2009 – 2010

Professional Certification

Educator Certificate, State of Florida Department of Education

- Professional Music, Grades K-12 (Number 1121324) 2014 – 2024
- Professional Music, Grades K-12 (Number 1121324) 2009 – 2014

Professional Memberships

American Orff-Schulwerk Association

National Association for Music Education

Florida Music Education Association

American Choral Directors Association

International Society for Music Education

College Music Society

RESEARCH AND ORIGINAL CREATIVE WORK

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Springer, D. G., Silvey, B. A., **Berner, C.**, Goehring, T. J., & Tabone, J. C., (under review). *Authorship, collaboration, and funding of articles published in the Journal of Research in Music Education: 2009–2024*. Manuscript submitted for publication. *UPDATE: Applications of Research in Music Education*

Knapp, D. K., **Berner, C.,** & Powell, B. (under review). Music student demographics and course types in Dallas. Manuscript submitted for publication. *Bulletin for the Council of Research in Music Education*

Goehring, T. J. & **Berner, C.**, & Sanchez-Ballado, T. (under review). *A content analysis of a state-sponsored professional development conference: 2014-2024.* Manuscript submitted for publication. *Journal for Research in Music Education*

Articles in Progress

Berner, C. (In progress). *College music majors' student leadership experiences in high school*.

Berner, C. (In progress). *Effects of varied timbral instruction on children's singing production.*

Berner, C. (In progress). *Effects of varied timbral instruction on vocalists' pitch and timbre production.*

Harrington, A. H., Egger, J. O., & **Berner, C.** (In progress). *Self-regulated learning strategies of older adults in an online ukulele class.*

Presentations

Refereed Poster Presentations at Conferences

Berner, C. (To be presented September 2026). *Effects of varied timbral instruction on children's singing production.* [Poster session]. National Association for Music Education, Long Beach, CA.

Goehring, T. J. & **Berner, C.**, & Sanchez-Ballado, T. (To be presented September 2026). *A content analysis of a state-sponsored professional development conference: 2014-2024.* [Poster session]. National Association for Music Education, Long Beach, CA.

Berner, C., & DeKleva, J. (2025, October 23-25). *Fostering resilient learners- It's OK to be not-OK* [Poster session]. Symposium on Music Teacher Education, Indianapolis, IN.

Berner, C. (2025, July 21-25). *Effects of Timbral Instruction on Children's Singing Production* [Poster session]. International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition, São Paulo, Brazil.

Springer, D. G., Silvey, B. A., **Berner, C.**, Goehring, T. J., & Tabone, J. C., (2025, January 8–11). *Authorship, collaboration, and funding of articles published in the Journal of Research in Music Education, 2009–2024* [Poster session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2024, September 25-28). *College music majors' student leadership experiences in high school* [Poster session]. National Association for Music Education, Atlanta, GA.

Knapp, D. K., **Berner, C.**, & Powell, B. (2024, September 25-28). *Music student demographics and course types in Dallas* [Poster session]. National Association for Music Education, Atlanta, GA.

Berner, C. (2024, January 10-13). *College music majors' student leadership experiences in high school: A pilot study* [Poster session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Goehring, T. J., & **Berner, C.** (2024, January 10–13). *A content analysis of a state-sponsored professional development conference: 2018 – 2023* [Poster session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2022, January). *FEMEA curriculum fair: SEL & music* [Poster session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2021, January). *FEMEA curriculum fair: Gamify your singing assessments* [Poster session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Refereed Presentations at Conferences

Berner, C., & DeKleva, J. (To be presented in February 2027). *The Resilient Classroom: Trauma-Informed Pedagogy* [Conference session]. Texas Music Education Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Springer, D. G., Silvey, B. A., **Berner, C.**, Goehring, T. J., & Tabone, J. C., (2026, July 26-31). *Authorship, collaboration, and funding of articles published in the Journal of Research in Music Education: 2009–2024*. International Society for Music Education World Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Berner, C. (2025, May 18). *DRUM CIRCLE: Unity, Inclusion, and Community Through MUSIC* [Research presentation]. MUSIC Bridges the Gap, Toastmasters District 48 Conference, Fort Myers, FL.

Berner, C. (2025, February 20–22). *College music majors' student leadership experiences in high school* [Research presentation]. Desert Skies Symposium on Research in Music Learning and Teaching, Arizona State University.

Berner, C. (2025, February 5–8). *Effects of Timbral Instruction on Vocalists' Pitch and Timbre* [Research presentation]. Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium XV: Fostering Sustainability in Music Education, Music Therapy, and Music Cognition, University of South Florida.

Berner, C., & DeKleva, J. (2025, January 8–11). *Fostering resilient learners- It's OK to be not-OK* [Conference session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2024, January 10-13). *Graduate research forum* [Conference session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2022, January). *Pinellas county learning cadre* [Conference session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2022, January). *Pecha kucha: A kaleidoscope of classroom practices and tips* [Conference session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2021, August). *Quaver: Application in elementary general music* [Conference session]. Pinellas County Music Education Association District-Wide Training, St. Petersburg, FL.

Berner, C. (2021, January). *What you wish you had learned in college: Put the oxygen mask on yourself before putting it on others* [Conference session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Berner, C. (2021, January. *Pecha kucha: A kaleidoscope of classroom practices and tips* [Conference session]. Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Forthcoming Presentations at Conferences

Springer, D. G., Silvey, B. A., **Berner, C.**, Goehring, T. J., & Tabone, J. C., (2026, July 26–31). *Authorship, collaboration, and funding of articles published in the Journal of Research in Music Education, 2009–2024* [Accepted]. International Society for Music Education World Conference, Montreal, Canada.

CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

Grants Funded

Berner, C. (2025). *GSRC Presentation Grant*. Funded by the Graduate Student Resource Center, Florida State University. Total award $1000.

Berner, C. (2025). *COGS Presentation Grant*. Funded by the Congress of Graduate Students, Florida State University. Total award $300.

Berner, C. (2024). *COGS Presentation Grant*. Funded by the Congress of Graduate Students, Florida State University. Total award $300.

Berner, C. (2024). *UMA Scholarship*. Funded by University Musical Associates, Florida State University. Total award $250.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Adjudicator for FMEA Crossover Festival — May 2024

Distinguished Toastmaster — August 2018

SERVICE

The Profession

Session Coordinator, Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI	Winter 2026
Session Coordinator, Florida Music Education Association Conference, Tampa, FL	2021 – 2025
Supervising Teacher, Music Education, *University of South Florida*	2022
District-Based Teacher Mentor, Pinellas County Schools, *Pinellas County* (County)	2020 – 2022
Site-Based Teacher Mentor, Pinellas County Schools, *High Point Elementary* (School)	2018 – 2022

The Institution

SMTD Representative, Go for the Gold Event, *Oakland University*	Winter 2026
School of Music, Theatre, Dance Auditions, *Oakland University*	Winter 2026
Recruitment for SMTD, Michigan School Vocal Music Association Coffee Hour, *Oakland University*	Fall 2025
Graduate Student Representative, Blue Sky Committee, *Florida State University*	2025
Graduate Chair, Dean's Student Advisory Council, *Florida State University*	2024 – 2025
University Supervisor for Teacher Interns, *Florida State University*	2024
Research Assistant, FSU Center for Music Research, *Florida State University*	2023 – 2025

The Community

Treasurer- Accounts Payable, Pinellas County Music Educators Association, *Pinellas County* (County)	2021 – 2022
Adjudicator, All-State Elementary Chorus, *Florida Music Education Association.* (State)	2020 – 2022
All-County Rehearsal Site Host, Pinellas County Schools, *High Point Elementary* (County)	2019 – 2022
Department Head- Specialists, Pinellas County, *High Point Elementary*	2019 – 2022
All-County Chorus Coordinator, Pinellas County Music Educators Association, *Pinellas County* (County)	2012 – 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

Pi Kappa Lambda Honor Society — Spring 2023
Phi Chapter, Florida State University

Elementary Teacher of the Year — 2021 – 2022
Pinellas County Music Educators Association

Equity Model Classroom — May 2022
High Point Elementary, Clearwater, FL (Pinellas County)

Toastmasters International Evaluation Champion — May 2020
District 48

J. Howard Hinesley Music Education Scholarship — May 2005
Pinellas Education Foundation

REFERENCES

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