

AMANDA KATE WEBER

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EDUCATION

- 2015-2018 **University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN
Doctor of Musical Arts in Conducting
GPA: 3.99
- 2011-2013 **Yale School of Music**, New Haven, CT
Master of Music in Choral Conducting. Certificate from the Institute of Sacred Music.
GPA: 3.98
- Summer 2012 **Simon Bolivar Spanish School**, Quito, Ecuador
Four-week intensive language-learning program
- Summer 2009 **European-American Musical Alliance**, Paris, France
Four-week Summer Music Institute inspired by the teaching philosophy of Nadia Boulanger
- 2004-2008 **Luther College**, Decorah, IA
Bachelor of Arts, Double Major: Music (Piano) and Art, Minors: French and Psychology
GPA: 3.82
- Summer 2007 **School of International Training (SIT)**, Dakar, Senegal
Six-week summer program with a focus on digital photography, arts and culture
- 2003-2004 **Lenoir-Rhyne University**, Hickory, NC
32 credits earned in Liberal Arts courses
- 2001 **Lycée International Georges Duby**, Luynes, France

CIVIC & CHURCH CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE

- July 2018-present **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, Minneapolis, MN
Director of Worship and the Arts (*June 2019-present*)
Interim Director of Choral Ministries (*July 2018-May 2019*)
- Spring 2018 **Minnesota Chorale**, Minneapolis, MN
Assistant Conductor
- Summer-Fall 2017 **Oratorio Society of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN
Assistant Conductor
- Sept 2015-July 2018 **Trinity Lutheran Congregation**, Minneapolis, MN
Minister of Music
- Sept 2014-July 2015 **Faith Lutheran Church**, Middletown, CT
Minister of Music

- 2013 **Experiments In Opera's *Chorus of All Souls***, New York City, NY
Conducted the premiere of an operetta by Jessica Pavone
- 2013 **Festival of New Trumpet Music**, New York City, NY
Conducted the premiere arrangement of Henry Brant's Flight Over a Global Map
- 2011-2013 **Battell Chapel – University Church at Yale**, New Haven, CT
Choir Director (2012-2013), Assistant Conductor & Section Leader (2011-2012)
- 2011-2013 **Yale Camerata**, New Haven, CT
Assistant Conductor
- 2006-2008 **First United Methodist Church**, Decorah, IA
Choir Director

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2021, Fall 2019 **Concordia University**, St. Paul, MN
 - *Professor for Choral Literature (MUS 425)*
- Spring 2019 **University of Wisconsin-River Falls**, River Falls, WI
 - *Conductor for Women's Chorus (MUSE 110)*
 - *Professor for Choral Conducting (MUS 344)*
- Sept 2015-2018 **University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN
 - *Assistant Conductor for University and Chamber Singers, auditioned choirs (2017-18)*
 - *Professor for Campus Singers Gold, an undergraduate, non-auditioned choir (2017-18)*
 - *Teaching Assistant for Basic Conducting (MUS-3401) with Prof. Craig Kirchhoff (Spring '17)*
 - *Assistant Conductor for Campus Orchestra Gold, a non-auditioned orchestra (Spring '17)*
 - *Professor for Campus Singers Maroon, an undergraduate, non-auditioned choir (2015-17)*
 - *Assistant Conductor for Women's Chorus, an undergraduate, auditioned choir (2016-17)*
 - *Assistant Conductor for Men's Chorus, an undergraduate, non-auditioned choir (2015-16)*
- January 2017 **Social Justice and Music Course**, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
Co-facilitated January term collaboration between college students and incarcerated women at MCF-Shakopee alongside Dr. Mark Stover
- Jan 2015-May 2015 **Yale Divinity School**, New Haven, CT
Vocal Instructor for Rel 825: Music Skills and Vocal Development for Ministry
- Aug 2013-June 2015 **Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School**, Hartford, CT
Music Theory 2, Vocal Technique, Academy Chorale, Academy Singers, A Cappella

- Oct 2014 **Luther College Collegiate Choir**, Decorah, IA
Guest conducted the premiere of an original composition.
- Fall 2013 **Wesleyan University Concert Choir**, Middletown, CT
Clinician during fall semester; rehearsed and performed with the women of the chorus.
- Sep 2013-June 2014 **United Choir School**, New Haven, CT
Accompanied and led sectionals for the United Girls Choir of North Haven.
- Fall 2012 **Yale School of Music**, New Haven, CT
Teaching Assistant for Graduate Level Ear Training & Analysis with Joan Panetti
- Summer 2011 **Articulture**, Minneapolis, MN
Assistant art teacher for children.
- 2004-2008 **Luther College**, Decorah, IA
Accompanist for multiple voice studios and ear training tutor

NON-PROFIT & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Sep 2022 **Cantus Vocal Ensemble**, Minneapolis, MN
Producer for upcoming album
- Oct 2015-present **Voices of Hope**, correctional facilities in MN
Founder and Artistic Director
A choral organization providing singing opportunities in Minnesota state prisons. Currently serving as conductor of the Voices of Hope choir at MCF-Shakopee. Oversees program and event planning, assists with fundraising and development, leads education and outreach initiatives.
- 2009-2011 **Luther Place Memorial Church**, Washington, D.C.
Coordinator for Community Life and the Arts
Served as artist in residence, synodical leader in young adult ministry
- 2008-2011 **N Street Village**, Washington, D.C.
Founder and Director of Bethany's Women of Praise, a choir for homeless women
- 2008-2009 **Steinbruck Center for Urban Studies**, Washington, D.C.
Program Coordinator
Volunteer position through Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Managed service-learning programs and designed curricula on urban homelessness and poverty.
- 2004-2006, 2008 **Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp**, Jefferson, MD
Senior Camp Counselor, SIT (Staff in Training) Trainer
Four summers of leading songs, games, group-building activities, and worship with youth ages 7-17. Final summer spent training the oldest campers to become counselors.

MASTERCLASSES & INTERNATIONAL TOURING

- 2023 **Westminster Chamber Choir Tour**, Havana & Matanzas, Cuba
Coordinating 20-person choir tour to Cuba
- 2017 **National Collegiate Choral Organization Conference**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Participant in Masterclass with Ann Howard Jones
- 2017 **Avivo Teacher Training Institute**, Minneapolis, MN
Participant in Summer Workshop with Leo Wanenchak and Patricia Plude
- 2015 **National Collegiate Choral Organization Conference**, Portland, Oregon
Participant in Masterclass with Simon Carrington
- 2013 **International Masterclass in Choral Conducting**, Zurich, Switzerland
Classes and private lessons with Markus Utz, Marguerite Brooks, and Jeffrey Douma
- 2013 **Masterclass in Choral Conducting**, New Haven, CT
Participant in Masterclass with Helmuth Rilling
- 2012 **International Masterclass in Choral Conducting**, Uppsala, Sweden
Classes and private lessons with Stefan Parkman, Markus Utz, and Marguerite Brooks
- 2012 **Professional Choral Institute**, Tampa, FL
Conducting classes and private lessons with James Bass and Patrick Quigley
- 2012 **Houston Chamber Choir Masterclass**, New Haven, CT
Participant in Masterclass with Robert Simpson
- 2010 **European-American Musical Alliance**, Paris, France
Conducting classes and private lessons with Mark Shapiro
- 2009 **University of Kentucky Summer Choral Workshop**, Lexington, KY
Participant in Masterclass with Jefferson Johnson
- 2006 **Dorian Keyboard Festival Masterclass**, Decorah, IA

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

- April 2022 **ACDA International Symposium for Research in Choral Singing**, Presenter, virtual
"Voices of Hope: The Social Impact of Singing in Prison"
- August 2021 **ACDA-MN Summer Dialogue**, Presenter, Collegeville, MN
- April 2021 **Twin Cities Luther Lunch Connection**, Guest Speaker, virtual
"Voices of Hope: Songs and Stories from a Women's Prison Choir"
- March 2021 **The Choral Commons Podcast**, Panelist, virtual
Roundtable discussion on choral singing and incarceration
- Feb 2019 **Understanding and Responding to Mass Incarceration, Metropolitan State University Forum**, Presenter, St. Paul, MN
"Voices of Hope: Songs and Stories from a Women's Prison Choir"

- Nov 2018 **American Choral Directors Association-Minnesota Conference**, Presenter, Mahtomedi, MN
"Locked In: Unity and Community in a Women's Prison Choir"
- Oct 2018 **Imagining America Conference**, Panelist, Chicago, IL
"Transforming Societal Attitudes through Choral Singing in Prisons"
- Mar 2018 **Advancing Publicly-Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning to Address Society's Grand Challenges Conference**, Presenter, Minneapolis, MN
"Choral Singing and Communal Mindset: A Prison Choir's Role in the Land of 10,000 Choirs"
- Dec 2017 **Association for Justice-Involved Females & Organizations Conf.**, Presenter, Santa Clara, CA
"Living in Harmony: How Choir Creates Resiliency"
- Oct 2017 **College Music Society Conference**, Panelist, San Antonio, TX
"Music-Making in U.S. Prisons: Reflecting on the Past, Innovations for the Future"
- Oct 2017 **Carleton College "Music and Civic Engagement,"** Panelist, Northfield, MN
- June 2017 **UMN Robina Institute of Criminal Law & Justice**, Presenter, Minneapolis, MN
- Oct 2016 **TEDx Minneapolis Salon**, Speaker, Minneapolis, MN
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H4qyOGI3fc&t=3s>
- Mar 2016 **Meeting Society's Grand Challenges Through Community-Engaged Research, Teaching, and Learning Conference**, Poster Presentation, Univ. of Minnesota
- June 2012 **Choirs Transforming Our World Conference**, Presenter, Yale University
- Feb 2012 **ACDA Regional Convention**, Presenter and Panelist, Providence, RI
"Recovery, Healing, and Wholeness: How Music Can Feed the Homeless"
- 2010 **Metro-DC ELCA Synod Conference**, Presenter, Washington, DC
"10 Things We've Learned In Our Attempt To Do Young Adult Ministry"
- 2008 **National Conference on Undergraduate Research**, Presenter, Salisbury, NC
"Exploring a World of Synesthesia: A Nonsensical Fusion of Senses?"
- 2006 **Iowa World Language Association**, Panelist, Des Moines, IA
"L'immigration Africain: Attention aux Epines!"

PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **Oxford Handbook of Community Singing**, Author of Chapter
"Community Singing as Counterculture in a Women's Prison"
Anticipated publish date in 2023.
- 2021 **Choral Journal Article**, Author
"The Power of Incarcerated Voices to Transform Community: Research from a Women's Prison Choir" (Vol. 61, No. 9, April 2021)
- 2020 **CrossAccent Article**, Author
"Pandemic as Opportunity" (Vol. 28, No. 2, Summer 2020)

- 2019 **MPR's "Music with Minnesotans" Episode, Featured**
<<https://www.yourclassical.org/story/2019/10/25/music-with-minnesotans-amanda-weber>>
- 2019 **Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayerbook**, Contributor
Part of a team of writers through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; this resource has been published by Augsburg Fortress.
- 2018 **StarTribune: "With Voices of Hope, One Choir Director Makes Music Behind Bars," Featured**
<<https://www.startribune.com/with-voices-of-hope-one-choir-director-makes-music-behind-bars/489381791/>>
- 2017 **Luther College Alumni Magazine**, Featured
<https://www.luther.edu/magazine/?story_id=756740&issue_id=755994>
- 2017 **Article on Voices of Hope**, Star of the North, ACDA-Minnesota Publication, Author
<<http://starofthenorth.net/magazine/voices-of-hope/>>
- 2016 **Big Ten Network, LiveBIG: "Minnesota Student Makes Music to Prisoners' Ears," Featured**
<<http://goo.gl/OXL6RR>>
- 2016 **UMN President Eric Kaler's State of the University Address**, Featured
<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFL6B4EIk6c&feature=youtu.be>>
- 2014 **Washington Post on MLK Mural**, Featured
<<http://goo.gl/thKv6I>>
- 2011 **NPR's DCentric blog on MLK Mural**, Featured
Part 1: <<http://goo.gl/AzNkt>> *Part 2:*
<<http://dcentric.wamu.org/2011/01/luther-place-sacred-commons-social-justice/>>
- 2011 **Al Jazeera English on Bethany's Women of Praise**, Featured
<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrGH1IWgpkA>>
- 2008 **The Proceedings, a National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Publication**, Author
"Exploring a World of Synesthesia: A Nonsensical Fusion of Senses?"

HONORS & AWARDS

- Mar 2020 **2018 Julius Herford Dissertation Prize**, Winner
Awarded on behalf of the National Research and Publications committee of the American Choral Directors Association
- Nov 2017 **National Collegiate Choral Organization Conducting Fellow**, Baton Rouge, LA
- Dec 2016 **Mary Bussman Emerging Female Composer Contest**, Winner, Minneapolis, MN
- 2012-15 **Yale Institute of Sacred Music Congregations Project**, Student Reporter
- 2013 **Yale Institute of Sacred Music Richard Paul Delong Prize**, Recipient
Awarded to an exemplary church musician.

- 2011-13 **Yale Institute of Sacred Music Student Council**, Member
- 2012 **Yale Institute of Sacred Music Hugh Porter Scholarship**, Recipient
Awarded to a student of exceptional promise and achievement.
- 2010-11 **Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp Board of Directors**, Member, Jefferson, MD
- 2004-8 **Weston Noble Scholarship**, Recipient, Luther College
- 2004-8 **Willard & Yvonne Linnevold Music Scholarship**, Recipient, Luther College
- 2004-8 **Regents' Scholarship**, Recipient, Luther College
- 2004-8 **Huebner Kegarise Art Scholarship**, Recipient, Luther College
- 2004-8 **Otto & Esther Austin Family Scholarship**, Recipient, Luther College
- 2006, 2007 **Distinguished in Accompanying Award**, Finalist, Luther College

References available upon request.