

Leslie Ann Manfredo

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Education/Licensure

Master of Education	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Educational Organization and Leadership, 2010
Master of Science	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Music Education, 1984
Bachelor of Music	Indiana University at Bloomington; Music Education, 1981
IL Principal License	Illinois General Administrative License
IL Teacher License	National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certification EAYA Music, 2004 - 2014 Illinois Master Teacher License

Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor at Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, Spring, 2018-present

- Supervised Choral Music Education Student Teachers in the schools
- Assisted with Music Education programs such as Music Education Day, EdTPA Workshop

Adjunct Professor at Vandercook College of Music, Chicago, Illinois, Spring, 2019-present

- Supervised Choral Music Education Student Teachers in the schools

Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, Fall, 2012-2017

- Directed two Women's ensembles, Belle Voix (auditioned women's ensemble) and ISU Women's Chorus (open to all)
- Designed and Taught Choral Conducting Class (beginning and intermediate)
- Designed and Taught Choral Methods Class (beginning and advanced; Choral majors and Instrumental majors)
- Supervised Pre-Student Teaching Field Experience at University High School
- Supervised Choral Lab
- Assisted with student teaching placement, seminars, and student teaching supervision

Adjunct Professor at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, Spring, 2013 & 2014

- Designed and Taught Choral Methods Class

Choral Conductor, Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3, Mahomet, Illinois, 2000-May, 2012

- Conductor of high school choirs, including: Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Madrigals
- Conductor of junior high school choirs, including: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs
- Fine Arts Chair for Mahomet-Seymour High School
 - Coordinate curricula development for all music classes and staff
 - Administer the total music program, including facilities, schedule, calendar, budget, and department website
- Taught 4th grade general music and 6th grade integrated arts classroom music

Choral Conductor, Charleston School District, Charleston, Illinois, 1994 – 2000

- Directed and administered the high school and elementary choral programs
- Taught classroom general music in grades K-4 and 6

Adjunct Instructor, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 1990 – 1994

- Taught an elementary music methods class for undergraduate elementary education students

Director of Diocesan and Cathedral Music, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana and St. Mary Cathedral Parish, Lafayette, Indiana, 1987 – 1994

- Planned and executed diocesan and parish liturgies
- Directed Diocesan and Cathedral choirs, cantored at weekly liturgies
- Led the liturgy committee and planned ministry formation sessions

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Music and Art, Instructor of Applied Voice Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee, 1985 – 1986

- Taught private voice lessons to undergraduate students

General Music Teacher, grades K – 8, Jackson County Schools, Gainesboro, Tennessee, 1985 – 1986

- Taught classroom general music in grades K-4 and 6

Choral Director for Jr. High and High School & General Music Teacher DeLand-Weldon School District, DeLand, Illinois, 1982 – 1984

- Directed and administered the junior high and high school choral programs
- Taught classroom general music in grades 1-5

Choral Ensembles in which I have sung

Apollo Chorus of Chicago, Fall 2017-present; Stephen Alltop, Conductor

Illinois State University Concert Choir, Normal (IL), 2013 – 2016; Glenn Block, Karyl Carlson, Maurizio Colesanti, Conductors

Peoria (IL) Bach Festival Chorus, June 2013, 2015, 2016; John Jost & Martin Dicke, Conductors

Bradley University (IL) Community Chorus, Fall, 2012 – Fall, 2016; John Jost, Conductor

Baroque Artists of Champaign (IL) [BACH], 2000 – Spring 2012; Chet Alwes, Conductor

Eastern Illinois University Community Chorus, 1994 – 1997; Robert Snyder, Conductor

Bach Chorale Singers, Lafayette (IN), 1987 – 1994; John Yonkman, Conductor

Mastersingers, Cookeville (TN), 1984 – 1987; Robert Wright, Conductor

**Oratorio Society at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (IL), 1982 – 1984
Harold Decker and Halsey Stevens, Conductors**

Indiana University Choral Ensembles, Bloomington (IN) 1978 – 1982

Chamber Choir, Robert Porco, Conductor

University Singers, Jan Harrington and Alan Harler, Conductors

Presentations and Publications

Clinic Presenter - Illinois Music Educators' Association (ILMEA) Certified Presenter

Session topics include: Rehearsal Technique, Classroom Management, Student-Centered Learning, 2018-present

- Presented numerous sessions around the State of Illinois to music educators

Clinic Presenter - Illinois Music Educators' Association (ILMEA) State Conference

"Before Assessment and Data: How do you decide WHAT to teach? Developing a Music Performance Ensemble Curriculum Based on Standards," January, 2017

- Presented a session that focused on the step BEFORE assessment—deciding WHAT should be taught/students should learn in music performance ensemble classes.
- created a 26-page handout consisting of ideas, examples, and strategies

Clinic Presenter - Illinois Music Educators' Association (IMEA) State Conference

"The NBC Mentors Are In," January, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2008

- presented, as a panel member, ideas and strategies to assist fellow music educators who are currently working to become Board Certified or are considering beginning the NBPTS process
- distributed a four-page handout listing specific ideas and strategies

Clinic Presenter - Illinois Music Educators' Association (IMEA) State Conference

"25 Years in the Making: How to Establish or Maintain a Madrigal Dinner Tradition," January, 2008

- presented a clinic to music educators in which strategies were shared concerning the specifics of establishing or maintaining a Madrigal Dinner with musical demonstrations by the M-S Madrigals

Clinic Presenter - Illinois Music Educators' Association (IMEA) State Conference

"Focus on the Foundation: What you don't see in the Choral Performance," January, 2006

- presented a clinic to music educators in which rehearsal and performance strategies were shared with musical demonstrations by the M-S Chamber Choir

Clinic Presenter - Illinois Music Educators' Association (IMEA) State conference

"Music Literature and Elementary Choirs," January, 1999

- presented a clinic to music educators in which ideas and strategies were shared concerning the choosing and programming of high-quality choral literature for elementary choirs
- designed and distributed a rubric that can be used to organize the variety of categories to be considered when choosing repertoire

**Publication: "An Interview with Chester Alwes and his book The History of Western Choral Music"
Article appearing in The Conductor's Podium**

Official Publication of the Illinois chapter of the American Choral Directors' Association, Feb. 2006

**Publication: "Choosing Elementary Choir Repertoire That Promotes Cultural Diversity"
Article appearing in Illinois Music Educator**

Official Publication of the Illinois Music Educators Association, Fall 1998, Vol. 59, #1, page 57

Related Experience

Church Music Ministry, Cantor

- Old St. Mary's Church, Chicago, IL Fall, 2017-present
- Holy Trinity Church, Bloomington, IL 2013-2017
- Our Lady of the Lake, Mahomet, IL 2000-2012
- St. Charles Borromeo, Charleston, IL 1994-2000
- St. Mary Cathedral, Lafayette, IN 1987-1994
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Cookeville, TN 1984-1987
- St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, IN 1979-1981

Adjudicator and Clinician

Illinois High School Association (IHSA) 2008 - 2016

- Solo and Ensemble Adjudicator
- Organization Festival Adjudicator

Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) State High School Choral Festival

- Adjudicator and Clinician, 2003, 04, 06, 07, 09, 10, and 11

Scorer of Music edTPA (Education Teacher Performance Assessment) Portfolios for Pearson, 2017-present

Festival Conductor

- DesPlaines District 65 Elementary Honor Choir Festival, January, 2019
- ILMEA District 3 Jr. Choir Festival, November, 2018
- ILMEA District 7 Jr. Choir Festival, November, 2017
- Springfield (IL) All-City Jr. High Festival, April, 2016
- Three Rivers Area Conference High School Festival, November, 2015
- High School Area Choral Festival at Taylorville (IL), March, 2015
- St. Louis Suburban Honor Choir Festival, November, 2014
- Macon County High School Choral Festival, March, 2014
- Vermillion County Choral Festival, March, 2013
- ILMEA District 2 Jr. Festival - Treble Choir, November, 2012
- Lakeland College Jr. High Festival, February, 2002

Professional Affiliations

Illinois Music Educators' Association (ILMEA) & National Association for Music Education (NAfME)

Member 2012 - present

Senior Choral Division State Committee, ILMEA District III Representative 2005 – 2012

Junior High/Elementary Music (JEM) State Committee, District V Representative 1998 – 2000

American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA), Illinois Chapter and National Chapter

Member, 2015-present

Midwestern Region Treasurer, 2019-present

Illinois State Treasurer, 2011 - 2015

Executive Board member, East Central Representative 2006 – 2009

Awards and Honors

ILMEA Mary Hoffman Award of Excellence, 2017

Grant recipient, Mahomet Foundation for Educational Excellence & Illinois Arts Council, 2011

Phyllis A. Wilken Award Recipient, University of Illinois College of Education, 2009

Grant recipient, Mahomet Foundation for Educational Excellence & Illinois Arts Council, 2002

Grant recipient, Charleston Excellence in Education Foundation, 1996 – 1998

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

B.M.E. graduate with High Distinction from Indiana University

Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society

Indiana University Merit Scholarship, 1978 – 1982

Class Valedictorian – Highland (IN) High School, 1978

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