

Dr. Matthew H. Spieker

2018 ANHE Orchestra Directors Academy

Matthew H. Spieker has been a music educator for nearly 30 years and has taught all levels of orchestra and general music in U.S. school districts of South Carolina and Colorado. From 2005 to 2007, Dr. Spieker taught at the John F. Kennedy Schule in Berlin, Germany. Currently, he teaches at Ball State University as an assistant professor of music education with an emphasis on string/orchestral education.



Dr. Spieker's school ensembles performed several times at Colorado's state music convention and received numerous superior ratings at large group music festivals. They also toured Germany and Austria and received wonderful reviews and created lifelong friendships with students and teacher at the German Sinfonie Orchester der Musikschule Lüchow-Dannenberg.

Dr. Spieker is a guest clinician, adjudicator, and an orchestral all state/honor orchestra conductor throughout the United States including Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Indiana, Utah, New Hampshire, New York, and South Carolina. He also worked abroad in cities including Brussels, Vienna, Geneva, and Beijing. And since 2000, Dr. Spieker has been the conductor of the Internationales Orchester Camp in Lüchow, Germany.

As a clinician, Dr. Spieker speaks to issues concerning string pedagogy, classroom culture/environment, recruiting, motivation, and more. He has presented at numerous state conferences and has presented nationally at American String Teacher's Association (ASTA) National Conference, Society for Music Teacher Education (SMTE), and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

Published articles include state music journals of Alabama and Oregon. National articles include NAFME's Teaching Music, General Music Today, Research Issues & Music Education, and Journal of Historical Research in Music Education. Dr. Spieker's research interests include string pedagogy, classroom culture/environment, figurative language, youth string musicians' health, and music education history.



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Dr. Spieker has been involved with professional communities of ASTA (American String Teachers Association), NAFME (National Association of Music Education), IMEA (Indiana Music Educators Association), CMEA (Colorado Music Educators Association), AMEA (Arizona Music Education Association), AMIS (Association of Music in International Schools) and CMS (College Music Society).

Most current projects involve Ball State collaboration with the local Youth Symphony Orchestras of East Central Indiana in which pre-service teachers are gaining teaching experience by working with YSOECI. Also, both BSU and YSOECI are actively volunteering in the community by teaching string instruments to students at Motivate our Minds, which is an after-school program for underserved children in the Muncie community.

The best part of Dr. Spieker's life is being a husband to Roberta, father to Brittney and Lyndsey, and now Grandad (or Grumps) to his grandchildren.



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