

## **DR. AMBER JAMES**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Musical Arts**, Vocal Performance and Pedagogy 2018  
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Student of Dr. Maryann Kyle
- Master of Music**, Vocal Performance 2010  
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia  
Student of Dr. Gregory Broughton
- Bachelor of Music Education**, major concentration in Piano 2004  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina  
Student of Jane Palmer Dill

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Assistant Professor of Music** 2018-current  
Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC
- Vocal instructor for performance majors, minors, and non-majors
  - Classroom instructor for Diction and Aesthetics courses
  - Director of the annual Spring Musical
- Private Voice and Piano Instructor** 2015-current  
New York, NY
- Teach one-on-one voice and piano lessons to various ages and levels
  - Workshop creator and presenter
  - Student performance organizer
- Teaching Assistant** 2012-2015  
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- Teach major and non-major voice lessons
  - Accompany music majors
  - Vocal Coach and accompanist for the University Theater and Dance Department
  - Music Director and Camp Supervisor of the Theater Department's MMTE summer program (2013-2015)
  - Assistant to Dr. Jay Dean, the Director of Orchestral Activities

Projects include: compiling and designing the Natchez Festival of Music Program; fundraising material for Mississippi Opera; compiling and assisting in design of the symphony program; artist liaison for Deborah Voigt

**Private Voice and Piano Instructor**

Bass Memorial Academy, Purvis, Mississippi 2012-2015

- Teach weekly private lessons in voice and piano
- Prepare students for end of semester recitals

**Church Pianist**

Woodland Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 2013-2015

- Play hymns, preludes, offertories, and postludes for Sunday morning, evening, and Wednesday night services

**Music Director**

2011-2012

Grace Lutheran School, Winter Haven, Florida

2004-2007

- Teach weekly music classes
- Direct middle school chorus, band, and guitar classes
- Entered middle school chorus in various competitions
- Direct and conduct all school spring musicals and Christmas programs
- Accompany Pre-school programs
- Conduct weekly chapel anthems
- Started the school's first Performing Arts Guild, an organization that raises money to fund activities which promote an understanding and appreciation of the arts
- Co-directed the school's annual Spring Arts Festival
- Directed the Drama Club

**Staff Accompanist**

2008-2011

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina

- Accompany music majors in private lessons, weekly practice sessions and recitals
- Coach voice students

**Staff Accompanist**

2010-2011

Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

- Accompany Men's and Women's Glee Choirs
- Accompany student showcases and recitals

**Church Choir Director**

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Central, South Carolina

2009-2011

- Direct the church choir
- Lead congregational singing
- Schedule and participate in special music during services
- Responsible for all administrative duties pertaining to music

**Church Musician** 2007-2008  
 Greenville First Wesleyan Church, Greenville, South Carolina

- Play piano for worship services
- Accompany choir practice
- Direct choir cantatas
- Youth leader during 2008

**Teacher** 2007-2008  
 Lakeview Christian School, Pickens, South Carolina

- Teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade mixed academic class
- Direct school Christmas programs
- Direct end of school year programs
- Leader over groups of children in summer camp 2008-2010

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

New York Summer Scenes	New York, NY	2017
International Performing Arts Institute	Kiefersfelden, Germany	2013-2014
Operafestival di Roma	University of Florida, Rome, Italy	2012
Festival South Opera	University of Southern Mississippi	2011

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### Vocal Solos/Recitals/Opera

Santuzza, <i>Cavalleria rusticana</i>	New York Opera Forum	2018
Kundry, <i>Parsifal</i>	New York Opera Forum	2018
Brünnhilde, <i>Götterdämmerung</i>	New York Opera Forum	2017
Doctoral Lecture Recital	University of Southern Mississippi	2016
	New York City	
Elisabetta, <i>Don Carlos</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Leonore, <i>Fidelio</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Amelia, <i>Un Ballo in Maschera</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Rosalinda, <i>Die Fledermaus</i>	New York Opera Forum	2016
Elettra, <i>Idomeneo</i>	New York Opera Forum	2015
Chrysothemis, <i>Elektra</i>	New York Opera Forum	2015
Hanna Glawari, <i>The Merry Widow</i>	Southern Opera and Musical Theatre Company	2014
Doctoral Recital	University of Southern Mississippi	2014
	Works by Wagner, Handel, Massenet, Debussy, Puccini, Strauss, and Wolf	
Fiordiligi, <i>Così fan tutte</i>	Southern Opera and Musical	2013

	Theatre Company	
Suor Angelica, <i>Suor Angelica</i>	Operafestival di Roma	2012
Second Lady, <i>Die Zauberflöte</i>	Festival South Opera	2011
<i>Come Ye Sons of Art</i> : alto soloist Purcell	Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium	2011
<i>Mass in C Major</i> , mezzo-soprano Beethoven	Southern Wesleyan University	2011
Duet Recital	Southern Wesleyan University	2011
Graduation Commencement Soloist	University of Georgia	2010
Graduate Voice Recital	University of Georgia	2010
	Works by Bach, Schubert, Liszt, Copland, Puccini, and Moses Hogan	
<i>Messiah</i> , mezzo-soprano	Southern Wesleyan University	2009
Soloist, original composition By Zac Weaver, doctoral candidate	University of Georgia	2009
<i>When Peace Flows</i> , doctoral recital for two sopranos with orchestra		
Guest Soloist	Greenville Concert Band	2009
Vocal Recital	Southern Wesleyan University	2008
	Works by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Strauss, Ravel, and Menotti	
Baccalaureate Chapel	Southern Wesleyan University	2004
University Concert Band Program	Southern Wesleyan University	2004
University Pops Concert	Southern Wesleyan University	2003
International Crusade Service	Murom, Russia	1995
Various music competitions	North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina	1993-1999

### **Piano Recitals/Solos**

Senior Undergraduate Recital	Southern Wesleyan University	2003
	Works by Bach, Mozart, Kabalevsky, and Rachmaninoff	
Various music competitions	North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina	1993-1999

### **Musical Theatre**

<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	Narrator	Clemson Little Theater	2009
<i>Quilters</i>	Lead Role	Southern Wesleyan University	2004
<i>Bye, Bye, Birdie</i>	Mrs. MacAfee	Southern Wesleyan University	2003
<i>Godspell</i>	Lead Role	Southern Wesleyan University	2000
<i>Dr. Newhart's</i>	Dr. Newhart	Shady Grove Wesleyan Church	1998

<i>Christmas Cure</i>			
<i>Bye, Bye, Birdie</i>	Mrs. MacAfee	Rockingham County High School	1998

**Accompanying**

<i>Tosca</i> (brass parts)		Mississippi Opera	2015
<i>Assassins</i>		University of Southern Mississippi Theater Department	2013
<i>The Music Man</i>		Southern Wesleyan University	2011
<i>Grease</i>		Oconee Community Theater	2010
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>		Southern Wesleyan University	2010
<i>SWUsical</i>		Southern Wesleyan University	2009
<i>Kismet</i>		Clemson Little Theater	2008
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>		Southern Wesleyan University	2008
<i>The Sound of Music</i>		Oconee Community Theater	2007
<i>Kneel at the Manger</i>		Greenville First Wesleyan Church	2008
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>		Star/Iva Middle School	2002
<i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>		Rockingham County Theater	1999

**MUSICALS CONDUCTED AND DIRECTED**

<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>		Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera (Music Director and Orchestra Conductor)	2014
<i>L.O.S.T.</i>		Grace Lutheran School	2012
<i>God of Wonders</i>		Grace Lutheran School	2011
<i>Follow the Star</i>		Grace Lutheran School	2011
<i>The Music Man</i>		Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2011
<i>Grease</i>		Oconee Community Theater	2010
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>		Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2010
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>		Clemson Little Theater (Music Director)	2009
<i>SWUsical</i>		Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2009
<i>God of Wonders</i>		Lakeview Christian School	2008
<i>Christmas Around the World</i>		Lakeview Christian School	2008
<i>Kismet</i>		Clemson Little Theater (Music Director)	2008
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>		Southern Wesleyan University (Assistant Music Director)	2008
<i>Fear Not Factor</i>		Lakeview Christian School	2007
<i>The Sound of Music</i>		Oconee Community Theater	2007

	(Assistant Music Director)	
<i>Good News Cruise</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2007
<i>Annie Jr. Broadway</i>	Grace Lutheran Drama Club	2007
	(Co-director)	
<i>Stranger in the Manger</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2006
<i>Come, Lord Jesus</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2006
<i>Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2006
<i>Away in A Manger</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2005
<i>The Trees of Christmas</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2005
<i>Power Play</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2005
<i>Journey to Bethlehem</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2004
<i>Ring Out the Good News</i>	Grace Lutheran School	2004

## HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Received Young Artist Scholarship at the International Performing Arts Institute, Germany, 2014  
 2012 William T. Gower Concerto Competition, Finalist  
 Awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship at the University of Southern Mississippi  
 Graduated Cum Laude in Undergraduate Studies  
 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges  
 Received 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Regional NATS in Maryland in 2000  
 1<sup>st</sup> place at Central Florida NATS in 2012